



Com-pas-sion (kəm-'pash-ən)

n (ME, fr. MF or LL; MF, fr. LL *compassion-compassio*, fr. *compassus*, pp. of *compati* to sympathize, fr. L *com-* + *pati* to bear, suffer)

1. Sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it.

