The Old Man on the Bench

Every evening the old man sat on a bench by the town gate. Anyone who wanted to go into town would pass him.

Once, a stranger with a rucksack and a walking stick stopped by the old man.

"Tell me, dear friend, what are the people like here in the town?"
"Well, what were they like where you were last?" the old man asked back.
"Wonderful. I felt very comfortable there. They were friendly, generous and helpful."
"I think they'll be about the same here."

Later, another traveler came by. He also asked the old man,

"Tell me, old man, what are people like here in the city?"
"Well, what were they like where you were last?" was the counter-question.
"Awful! They were unfriendly, mean - all total egoists."
"I'm afraid that here, too, you'll find a lot of people of that kind."

The old man thought to himself: …….

NOW YOU CHOOSE A SAYING (A PROVERB): / The early bird catches the worm. / Barking dogs seldom bite. / What goes around comes around. / Actions speak louder than words. / Better late than never. /

FIND AND UNDERLINE THE SYNONYMS:

stranger	**foreigner**	egoist	teacher	fellow
gate	field	door	street	wall
bench	lamp	tree	seat	bank
rucksack	umbrella	vehicle	teabag	backpack
stick	cane	label	boot	hat
comfortable	hungry	easy	expensive	cold
generous	big-hearted	easy-going	half-witted	self-explaining
awful	appalling	loud	heavy	cute
mean	bright	thick	nasty	cheeky
a lot of	some	many	none	various
of that kind	as wanted	most childish	so friendly	like them

MAKE THE SENTENCES NEGATIVE:

Use short forms.

The people here are very friendly. …. *The people here aren't very friendly.* .....

Today, the old man is sitting on the bench. .....

I feel very comfortable here. .....

It was the same in my hometown. .....

I felt very comfortable there. .....

He wanted to go into the town. .....

The stranger stopped by the old man. .....

You'll find a lot of foreign people there. .....

I'm afraid of mean people. .....

You'll find people of that kind.....