

Lesson: V106

Vocabulary to Describe Personality

Aim: to help you describe people’s personalities and to improve fluency

A. With your teacher, answer the following questions about yourself:

My personality	Yes	It depends	No
I am a patient person			
I am grumpy in the mornings			
I am careful with money			
I am clean and tidy at home and at work			
I sometimes tell white lies			
I think a lot before I make decisions			
I am cheerful and generally look on the bright side			
I can be quite stubborn			
I can put work behind me when I get home			
I get bored when I am on my own			
I like to be the centre of attention			
I am an out-going person			
I am sociable			
I find it difficult to say that I am wrong			
I am ambitious			

B. Put these adjectives into three categories: *Positive* *Negative* *Can be both*

<i>thoughtful</i>	<i>moody</i>	<i>aggressive</i>	<i>patient</i>
<i>inconsiderate</i>	<i>impulsive</i>	<i>dishonest</i>	<i>shy</i>
<i>lively</i>	<i>mature</i>	<i>easy-going</i>	<i>rude</i>
<i>kind</i>	<i>calm</i>	<i>organized</i>	<i>generous</i>
<i>even-tempered</i>	<i>sociable</i>	<i>forgetful</i>	<i>nervous</i>
<i>childish</i>	<i>easily-satisfied</i>	<i>disorganized</i>	<i>lazy</i>
<i>selfish</i>	<i>conscientious</i>	<i>ambitious</i>	<i>out-going</i>
<i>mean</i>	<i>courteous</i>	<i>honest</i>	<i>serious</i>

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C. Look at the list again. Can you find any opposites?

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D. State what kind of people you like/dislike

Useful language:

I am attracted/like to people who
People who.....irritate me
I can't stand people who.....
I respect people who.....

E. My personality

Pick three adjectives which honestly describe your character

F. Homework

Describe someone you know well. This could be someone in your family, a friend or a colleague.