

C Match the adjectives (1-10) with the definitions (a-j) that describe people's character.

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| 1. reliable | ☐ | a. someone who uses their imagination and has the ability to produce something new |
| 2. sensitive | ☐ | b. someone who trusts, is sure about and believes in their own ability to do things |
| 3. honest | ☐ | c. someone who is easily hurt and/or understands other people's feelings or needs |
| 4. self-confident | ☐ | d. someone who likes spending time with other people |
| 5. lazy | ☐ | e. someone who is relaxed and happy to accept things without worrying or getting angry |
| 6. selfish | ☐ | f. someone who is very kind and helpful and gives a lot of attention to other people |
| 7. caring | ☐ | g. someone who always tells the truth and never steals or cheats |
| 8. easy-going | ☐ | h. someone whom you can trust and rely on |
| 9. creative | ☐ | i. someone who does as little as possible |
| 10. sociable | ☐ | j. someone who cares more about themselves than other people |

D Use an appropriate word from the list below to complete each sentence.

unpredictable irresponsible flexible rebellious stubborn independent patient
shy punctual reserved

1. It was very _____ of the babysitter to sit inside watching TV while the children were outside playing in the swimming pool.
2. You never know what Pete is going to do. He is totally _____.
3. Susan, like most teenagers her age, is very _____. She doesn't listen to anybody and it is very hard to make her obey rules.
4. Ted is _____. He doesn't show his emotions or talk about his problems.
5. Young people today must be _____ if they want to get a good job. They need to be able to adapt to new situations.
6. When Mark turned twenty-one, he got a good job and became financially _____.
7. He was too _____ to talk to anyone at the party so he left early and went home.
8. I am not particularly _____, which is my biggest flaw. I find it really hard to get anywhere on time.
9. It's difficult to be _____ when you are stuck in traffic.
10. Meg is as _____ as a mule; although she knows she's wrong, she refuses to change her mind.

Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives.
The first letters have been given.

- 1 Maria is a hard-working student but her sister isn't. She's very **l**_____.
- 2 Paul is generous and pays for everyone when we're out but Jack is the opposite. He is so **m**_____.
- 3 I'm usually **t**_____ but if I don't know people, I'm really quiet.
- 4 My sister is very **i**_____. When she wants to, she can get excellent marks without much effort.
- 5 There are two judges on the talent show. One is nice while the other is **n**_____!

Circle the correct word.

- 1 Mary's very *sensible* / *sensitive*. She tends to think everything over and she doesn't often make stupid decisions.
- 2 He's a bit *talkative* / *bossy*. He likes telling people what to do.
- 3 Bill's wonderfully calm and *relaxed* / *reserved*. I don't think I've ever seen him lose his temper!
- 4 My sister's very *sensible* / *sensitive*. She always cries when she hears something bad has happened to someone.
- 5 Andrew's too *generous* / *ambitious*. He's never satisfied unless he's the best.
- 6 Diane is very *friendly* / *nasty*. She's usually the first one to talk to newcomers at school and help them.
- 7 Chris is a loyal, *polite* / *reliable* friend. I trust him completely.
- 8 They say I'm *rebellious* / *responsible*. I say I'm independent. I just don't like other people telling me what to do all the time!
- 9 Millie's very *cheerful* / *helpful* by nature. She's never sad for long.
- 10 He's so dreadfully *selfless* / *selfish*! He never thinks of anyone but himself.

Match the phrases from the two columns to make definitions.

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| 1 Brave people | a don't cheat or lie. |
| 2 Gentle people | b hate waiting. |
| 3 Honest people | c don't talk much. |
| 4 Impatient people | d like the company of other people. |
| 5 Polite people | e don't change their minds easily. |
| 6 Quiet people | f are not easily frightened. |
| 7 Sociable people | g say 'please' and 'thank you'. |
| 8 Stubborn people | h are careful not to hurt anyone. |

Use these words in the sentences.

friendly conceited kind vain hard working gentle moody ambitious shy
quick-tempered quiet good fun greedy careless

1. I don't like Chris. He is really _____ and thinks he is the best student in the class. He is also very _____. He wears expensive clothes and loves looking at himself in the mirror.
2. Mandy is really _____, she laughs and smiles a lot. She is also very _____ and likes meeting people.
3. Kim is very _____ and often works during the breaks and after school. She is also very _____ and one day wants to be a famous dancer.
4. I feel sorry for Simon. He is very _____ especially when a girl he likes doesn't like him. He is also _____ and can get angry very easily.
5. I think Kate is really nice. She is very _____ and _____. She likes helping people and never gets angry.
6. Alice is very _____. She blushes very easily. She is very _____ and doesn't like talking much.
7. Jane doesn't give any pen to her classmates, she is _____.
8. Tom's clothes are always dirty. He is very _____.

 **1.26** Listen to three people describing a friend or family member. Choose two adjectives below that best describe the people. There are two extra adjectives.

ambitious cheerful generous intelligent
optimistic patient punctual serious

- 1 _____ and _____
- 2 _____ and _____
- 3 _____ and _____

 **1.26** Listen again. Match the descriptions 1–3 with sentences A–D. There is one extra sentence.

This person:

- A shows lots of initiative in planning his / her future. ☐
- B lacks confidence in social situations. ☐
- C has the opposite personality to the speaker. ☐
- D likes to pass on knowledge to others. ☐