

Choose the most suitable word or phrase.

1. Please don't push. It's very ***bad-tempered /rude / unsympathetic.***
2. Jack hates spending money. He's rather ***frank /greedy / mean.***
3. Our teacher is very ***proud /strict/ tolerant*** and won't let us talk in class.
4. Helen never does her homework. She is rather ***gentle /lazy/ reliable.***
5. I didn't talk to anyone at the party because I felt ***ambitious /lonely/ shy.***
6. When Harry saw his girlfriend dancing with Paul he felt
jealous /selfish/ sentimental.
7. I don't like people who are noisy and ***aggressive /courageous/ sociable.***
8. Thanks for bringing us a present. It was very ***adorable /grateful/***
thoughtful of you.
9. Teresa never gets angry with the children. She is very ***brave /patient/***
pleasant.
10. Tom always pays for everyone when we go out. He's so ***cheerful***
/generous/ honest.

Match the words in the box with the descriptions (a-l). Use each word once only.

bad-tempered determined lazy reliable cheerful frank

mean selfish considerate honest punctual sympathetic

- a) You always arrive on time. _____
- b) You are always happy _____
- c) You do what you say you will do _____
- d) You say exactly what you think _____
- e) You don't think about the needs of others _____
- f) You have a strong wish to get what you want _____
- g) You are unkind, or not willing to spend money _____
- h) You easily become angry with others _____
- i) You think about the needs of others _____
- j) You tell the truth and obey the law _____
- k) You understand the feelings of others _____
- l) You try to avoid work if you can _____

Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

ambitious greedy polite sociable brave imaginative proud
stubborn grateful kind snobbish tolerant

1. I think I'll stay here on my own, I'm not feeling very _____ today.
2. Diana wants to get to the top in her company. She is very _____
3. It's not _____ to stare at people and say nothing!
4. I think you have to be very _____ to write a novel.
5. Thank you for helping me. It was very _____ of you.
6. Peter refuses to change his mind, although he is wrong. He's
so _____
7. It was very _____ of Sheila to put out the fire on her own.
8. Our neighbours look down on us. They are a bit _____
9. Don't eat all the cakes! You really are becoming _____ !
10. If you lend me the money, I'll be very _____
11. I am very _____ of my new motorbike.
12. My parents don't mind my crazy hairstyle. They are very _____

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

Jack's real character

How easy is it to understand another person's character?

My friend Jack, was once a rather 1 _____ person. He was **ANNOY**
always getting into trouble at school because he was so (2) _____ **OBEY**
In class he was very (3) _____ and never stopped making **TALK**
jokes. The teachers all told him he was (4) _____ because **POLITE**
he interrupted them. When I met him he was very (5) _____ **FRIEND**
and didn't want to talk to me at all. People told me that he stole things,
and that he was (6) _____ His school work **HONEST**
was terrible. He didn't take any (7) _____ in his writing, he **PROUD**
never spent enough time doing his homework, and he was not at all
(8) _____ One day he saw a gang of boys **CONSCIENCE**
attacking an old man. Jack hated (9) _____ and he fought **VIOLENT**
them all until they ran away. He was awarded a medal for
(10) _____ After that, people changed their minds **BRAVE**
about him.