

1.

Match the personality adjectives (1–12) with their opposites (a–l). You can use your dictionary to help you.

1 tolerant	a hot-headed
2 generous	b insecure
3 considerate	c narrow-minded
4 self-confident	d tight-fisted
5 outgoing	e thoughtless
6 level-headed	f reserved
7 courteous	g cheerful
8 big-headed	h unreliable
9 grumpy	i ill-mannered
10 dependable	j sophisticated
11 naive	k modest
12 argumentative	l compliant

2.

Choose the correct word.

- 1 Nigel's unbearably *conceited* / *conscientious*. He has an absurdly high opinion of himself.
- 2 Michelle will believe anything you tell her. She's terribly *gullible* / *vain*.
- 3 Graham's very *self-conscious* / *self-centred*. He's always worried about making a fool of himself and about what people think.
- 4 Mr Jones is an *unscrupulous* / *impartial* judge. You can rely on his fairness.
- 5 Martha's very *absent-minded* / *narrow-minded*. She forgets appointments and loses things all the time.

3.

Complete the sentences with adjectives from the list .

- 1 My brother is so _____ ! He screams like a baby if he loses at a game.
- 2 My aunt is very _____ . If a conversation isn't about her, she isn't interested.
- 3 You're so _____ ! If I give an opinion, you always disagree with it!
- 4 I suppose I'm quite _____ . If I don't want to go out, it's impossible to persuade me!
- 5 My best friend is very _____ . If her parents have to work late, she looks after her little brothers.

Personality traits ambitious argumentative assertive
calm considerate conventional creative dedicated
eccentric immature organised outgoing responsible
selfish sensible serious sociable stubborn
unconventional

4.

Match descriptions 1–7 with adjectives a–g.

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| 1 Emily's appearance is very important to her. ☐ | a considerate |
| 2 Joe always seems to make very good decisions. ☐ | b bad-mannered |
| 3 Sarah always puts other people's needs and wishes before her own. ☐ | c shrewd |
| 4 Andy thinks about other people's feelings. ☐ | d easy-going |
| 5 James is friendly and relaxed, and good company. ☐ | e vain |
| 6 Christina doesn't care what other people think about her. ☐ | f thick-skinned |
| 7 Anna is really rude – she never says 'please'. ☐ | g selfless |

5.

Write the correct personality traits.

This person

- 1 is practical and makes good judgements based on experience and reason. sensible
- 2 expresses his/her opinions strongly and with confidence.

- 3 refuses to change his/her opinion or attitude.

- 4 is careful not to hurt or upset others. _____
- 5 doesn't easily get excited, nervous or upset.

- 6 has the ability and skill to produce and think of new things, especially in the arts. _____
- 7 is considered to be strange or unusual. _____
- 8 behaves younger than his/her age. _____
- 9 cares only about him/herself, not about other people.

- 10 likes spending time with other people. _____
- 11 likes disagreeing with people. _____
- 12 always does what is considered normal and acceptable by most people. _____
- 13 is the opposite of the person in 12. _____
- 14 plans their work and life carefully and thoroughly.

- 15 tries to behave sensibly and doesn't laugh much.

- 16 wants to be successful and rich. _____
- 17 is reliable and trustworthy. _____
- 18 is energetic and friendly towards other people.
