

Everyone's different

Personality

1.5 Using some of these expressions from 1.4, write two positive and two negative sentences about someone you know.

He's very/really ... He's so ... He's a bit ... He's much/far too ... She's never/always ...

The only thing I dislike about her is that she ... The best thing about her is that she ... She can be ...

1.4 Read the descriptions that two students have written about a friend. Choose the best word for each gap.

I used to love playing with Sam when we were kids because he's very (1) C so he was really good at making up exciting games to play. But he didn't enjoy being in large groups because he was very (2) _____ and he didn't like other children playing with us. He's become a bit more (3) _____ since then and as a result he's got more friends now. But we had an argument the other day because I made a joke about his clothes. He's much too (4) _____ so it's really easy to upset him. I have to be careful what I say.

I met Emma quite recently. The best thing about her is that she's great fun to be with as she's always (5) _____ and she never seems to be in a bad mood. She's always got something to say – in fact, she's the most (6) _____ person I've ever met. She never gets anxious but in some ways she's far too (7) _____ about everything. For example, she nearly always arrives late when we meet up. I don't mind that, though. The only thing I dislike about her is that she can be (8) _____ to other people – she sometimes makes fun of them, which isn't nice.

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| 1 A easy-going | B thoughtful | <u>C</u> imaginative |
| 2 A shy | B selfish | C hopeless |
| 3 A stubborn | B outgoing | C bossy |
| 4 A sensitive | B sensible | C sympathetic |
| 5 A caring | B cheerful | C demanding |
| 6 A talkative | B generous | C considerate |
| 7 A competitive | B lively | C relaxed |
| 8 A impatient | B unreliable | C unkind |

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Sensitive = being easily upset:

Tim is sensitive – he cries at a sad story.

Sensible = showing good judgement:

Sam is sensible – he always makes wise decisions.

Sympathetic = understanding other people's problems:

She was sympathetic when I explained why I was late.

2.1 Match the adjectives in A with their opposites in B.

amusing – serious

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| A amusing | adventurous | generous | gentle | hard-working | modest | polite |
| relaxed | self-confident | | | | | |
| B aggressive | arrogant | cautious | lazy | mean | rude | serious |
| shy | tense | | | | | |

2.2 Choose the correct adjective from 2.1 for each sentence.

- After Steve won the prize, he became rather arrogant and expected everyone to look up to him.
- People who are _____ with their money rarely leave a tip.
- It's _____ to walk into someone's office without knocking.
- She could be a really good musician but she's too _____ to practise.
- The day before my driving test I couldn't concentrate on anything because I felt too _____.
- Animals are only _____ towards people if they are frightened or hungry.

3.2 With some nouns, we can add *-ful* to make adjectives meaning 'having' and *-less* to make adjectives meaning 'lacking'. Complete the sentences by adding *-ful* or *-less* to these nouns.

care colour grace harm pain power thank

- 1 We were really thankful that we'd reserved seats as the hall was full.
- 2 That's the second wallet you've lost. Why are you so _____ ?
- 3 The president is the most _____ person in the country.
- 4 My foot is still _____ from when I hurt it last week.
- 5 You needn't be afraid of that snake. It's quite _____ .
- 6 I love watching Mary dance because she's so _____ .
- 7 Water is a _____ liquid.