

15 Personality

A What's he/she like?

Word	Example	Meaning
friendly	The students in my class are all really friendly . It's great.	happy to meet and talk to other people OPP unfriendly
kind	He visited me in hospital, which was really kind .	friendly and good to other people
nice	I met Charlie on holiday, and he's a really nice guy.	kind and friendly (a very common word in spoken English)
fun	I love Caitlin; she's great fun .	sb or sth that makes you happy Good/great fun is common.
funny	Josh makes me laugh – he's a really funny man.	making you laugh 
relaxed	I felt very relaxed after my holiday.	calm and not worried
clever	Tom is really clever – the best student in our class.	quick at learning and understanding things SYN intelligent OPP stupid
patient	My boyfriend is often late, but I'm very patient .	able to stay calm and not get angry when you are waiting
strange	He's a strange man – I never know what he's thinking.	unusual or surprising

SPOTLIGHT What's he/she/it like?

We use this question to find out more about somebody/something.

- **What's Jack like?** ~ He's very nice. (NOT ~~He's like very nice.~~)
- **What was the teacher like?** ~ She was **good fun**.

1 Complete the words.

► fun

1 n e

2 f y

3 cl r

4 st e

5 f y

6 p t

7 la h

8 r l x d

2 Cover the table, then answer the questions.

What's ...

► a synonym for nice? friendly

1 the opposite of friendly?

2 a synonym for clever?

3 the opposite of clever?

What do you call someone who ...

4 is able to learn quickly?

5 makes you laugh?

6 is able to wait for things?

7 is calm and doesn't worry?

3 Complete the conversations.

1 What ► s Alex like? ~ Oh, he's very funny. We a lot when we're together.

2 What are Ana's parents ? ~ Well, her mother's great . I like her very much. But I never know what to say to her father – he's very .

3 was your grandmother like? ~ She was very : she always helped everyone. And she was too: she went to university.

4 ABOUT YOU Write the names of people you know who are:

kind very friendly patient with you

good fun intelligent strange



TEST YOURSELF

B We like each other



Gemma



Sophie

WHY WE LIKE each other

Gemma: I met Sophie at university. I was **on my own** in the café, and she came and talked to me. She's like that. What's interesting is that we're **completely different**. She has a very **active social life** and meets lots of new people. I'm very **quiet** and **serious**. But it didn't **matter**. We became friends and **shared a flat** for two years. I'm **tidy** and did most of the housework. Sophie's quite **lazy**, but she is a great cook and a **really** nice person.

GLOSSARY

each other	She likes me and I like her. = We like each other .
on my own	not with other people syn alone
completely different	totally different; different in every way
active	busy and able to do a lot of things
social life	going out with friends
quiet	Somebody who is quiet doesn't say very much.
serious	A serious person thinks a lot and doesn't laugh much.
matter	be important; it doesn't matter = it's not important
share a flat	live in the same flat as another person
tidy	A tidy person likes everything to be in the right place. opp untidy
lazy	A lazy person doesn't like working. opp hard-working

SPOTLIGHT **really**

Really is important in spoken English. It means 'very', and you can use it before most adjectives.

■ I'm in a **really** nice class. ■ She was **really** lazy.

5 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sound the same or different? Write S or D.

Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

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| ▶ social / <u>does</u> n't | <u>D</u> | 3 alone / social | |
| 1 <u>o</u> ther / <u>o</u> wn | | 4 <u>com</u> pletely / <u>o</u> ther | |
| 2 <u>h</u> ard <u>w</u> orking / <u>does</u> n't | | 5 <u>com</u> pletely / <u>seri</u> ous | |

6 Read the text again. True or false? Write T or F.

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| ▶ Sophie likes cooking. | <u>T</u> | 5 Gemma is really lazy. | |
| 1 Gemma was alone when she met Sophie. | | 6 Sophie goes out a lot. | |
| 2 Gemma and Sophie are similar. | | 7 Gemma's untidy. | |
| 3 Gemma doesn't say very much. | | 8 It was a problem that they | |
| 4 They lived together at university. | | were completely different. | |

7 Complete the sentences.

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| ▶ I never put things away. I'm very <u>untidy</u> . | 3 We wanted to a flat together. |
| 1 When we met, I was on my and wanted someone to talk to. | 4 Do you want me to help? ~ No, it doesn't |
| 2 I've always had an active social: I go out most nights. | 5 My sister and I are different. |
| | 6 We've always liked each |

8 **ABOUT YOU** Write your answers, or ask another student.

Questionnaire

What are you like?

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| 1 Are you tidy or untidy? | 4 Are you serious? |
| 2 Are you hard-working or a bit lazy? | 5 Do you have an active social life? |
| 3 Are you quiet? | 6 Do you like being on your own? |



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