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High flyers

Vocabulary

A

Describing character

I can describe people's character.

1 Complete the table.

Noun	Adjective
1 ambition	
2	cheerful
3 creativity	
4	enthusiastic
5 flexibility	
6	generous
7 honesty	
8	idealistic
9 intelligence	
10	loyal
11 maturity	
12	modest
13 optimism	
14	patient
15 pessimism	
16	punctual
17 realism	
18	self-confident
19 seriousness	
20	shy
21 sociability	
22	stubborn
23 sympathy	
24	thoughtful

2 Complete the phrases for describing personal qualities with the words below.

common communicating courage energy
initiative lack sense skills

- 1 have a good _____ of humour
- 2 have lots of / no _____ sense
- 3 have good organisational _____
- 4 _____ self-confidence
- 5 have physical _____
- 6 be good at _____
- 7 show lots of _____
- 8 have lots of _____

3 Complete the sentences with adjectives and phrases from exercises 1 and 2.

- 1 Sue is very _____. She always thinks things will get worse.
- 2 Harry loves telling jokes. He has _____.
- 3 Try to be _____. It isn't good to be late.
- 4 She always tells the truth. She's very _____.
- 5 She's always telling everyone how clever she is. She isn't very _____.
- 6 He loves being with other people. He's the most _____ person I know!
- 7 She loves dangerous sports. She has great _____.
- 8 I can talk to her about my problems. She always listens. She's very _____.
- 9 He always knows what to do. You don't need to tell him. He _____.

4 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 _____

5 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.

6 Write a short text describing someone you know. Give examples that show their personality.

My brother is very creative. He's really good at drawing and painting. He's also a bit ...
