

DESCRIBING PERSONALITY TRAITS

INCLUDING NEGATIVE PREFIXES

We use adjectives to describe people's personality.

Positive Adjectives

- kind • honest • patient
- generous • confident • helpful
- hardworking • friendly • polite

Negative Prefixes

We add a negative prefix to change the meaning of an adjective.

un-	(not)	kind	→	unkind
dis-	(not)	honest	→	dishonest
im-	(not) / (without)	patient	→	impatient
in-	(not)	polite	→	impolite
ir-	(not)	responsible	→	irresponsible
self-	(too much)	confident	→	overconfident

Examples:

- She is kind but sometimes she can be impatient.
- He is honest and responsible.
- My brother is very unorganized!
- He can be impolite with strangers.

1 Match the adjectives with their meanings.

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| 1. kind | A. not kind; mean |
| 2. honest | B. not honest; tells lies |
| 3. patient | C. not patient; gets angry easily |
| 4. generous | D. not polite; rude |
| 5. confident | E. helpful and likes to give |
| 6. hardworking | F. works very hard |
| 7. unkind | G. says what is true; doesn't lie |
| 8. dishonest | H. calm; can wait without complaining |
| 9. impatient | I. friendly and nice to people |
| 10. impolite | J. sure about yourself; believes in your ability |



2 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective from the box.

kind honest patient generous confident hardworking
unkind dishonest impatient impolite

- My sister is very _____. She always helps other people.
- Tom is _____. He never tells the truth.
- I hate people who are _____ and shout at others.
- She is a _____ student. She always does her homework.
- My dad is very _____. He waits for me when I am late.
- He is _____ and gives money to charity.
- It's _____ to push in a queue.
- My little brother is sometimes _____ and breaks my things.
- She feels shy, but she is quite _____ when she speaks in class.
- I don't like people who are _____ and don't care about others.

3 Read the descriptions. Write the correct adjective.

- He always tells the truth. He is very _____.
- She never stops talking! She is so _____.
- He never helps anyone. He is really _____.
- She works a lot and never gives up. She is _____.
- He thinks he is better than everyone else. He is very _____.



4 Write sentences about these people. Use a positive adjective and a negative adjective.

Example: 1. Emma – kind / impatient → Emma is kind, but she can be impatient.

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Emma | 2

Jack | 3

Sophie | 4

Liam | 5

Mia |
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