VOCABULARY

12 People and behaviour

1 **Underline the most suitable word or phrase.**

a) Please don't push. It's very *bad-tempered/rude/unsympathetic.*
b) Jack hates spending money. He's rather *frank/greedy/mean.*
c) Our teacher is very *proud/strict/tolerant* and won't let us talk in class.
d) Helen never does her homework. She is rather *gentle/lazy/reliable.*
e) I didn't talk to anyone at the party because I felt *ambitious/lonely/shy.*
f) When Harry saw his girlfriend dancing with Paul he felt *jealous/selfish/sentimental.*
g) I don't like people who are noisy and *aggressive/courageous/sociable.*
h) Thanks for bringing us a present. It was very *adorable/grateful/thoughtful* of you.
i) Teresa never gets angry with the children. She is very *brave/patient/pleasant.*
j) Tom always pays for everyone when we go out. He's so *cheerful/generous/honest.*

2 **Match the words in the box with the descriptions (a–l). Use each word once only.**

bad-tempered	determined	lazy	reliable	cheerful	frank	mean
selfish	considerate	honest	~~punctual~~	sympathetic		

a) You always arrive on time. ..punctual.....
b) You are always happy. .....
c) You do what you say you will do. .....
d) You say exactly what you think. .....
e) You don't think about the needs of others. .....
f) You have a strong wish to get what you want. .....
g) You are unkind, or not willing to spend money. .....
h) You easily become angry with others. .....
i) You think about the needs of others. .....
j) You tell the truth and obey the law. .....
k) You understand the feelings of others. .....
l) You try to avoid work if you can. .....

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3 **Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.**

ambitious	greedy	polite	~~sociable~~	brave	imaginative	proud
stubborn	grateful	kind	snobbish	tolerant		

a) I think I'll stay here on my own, I'm not feeling very ....sociable..... today.
b) Diana wants to get to the top in her company. She is very ..... .
c) It's not ..... to stare at people and say nothing!
d) I think you have to be very ..... to write a novel.
e) Thank you for helping me. It was very ..... of you.
f) Peter refuses to change his mind, although he is wrong. He's so ..... .
g) It was very ..... of Sheila to put out the fire on her own.
h) Our neighbours look down on us. They are a bit ..... .
i) Don't eat all the cakes! You really are becoming ..... !
j) If you lend me the money, I'll be very ..... .
k) I am very ..... of my new motorbike.
l) My parents don't mind my crazy hairstyle. They are very ..... .

4 **Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.**

Jack's real character

How easy is it to understand another person's character?

My friend Jack, was once a rather (1) ..annoying.. person. He was always getting into trouble at school because he was so (2) ..... . In class he was very (3) ..... and never stopped making jokes. The teachers all told him he was (4) ..... because he interrupted them. When I met him he was very (5) ..... and didn't want to talk to me at all. People told me that he stole things, and that he was (6) ..... . His school work was terrible. He didn't take any (7) ..... in his writing, he never spent enough time doing his homework, and he was not at all (8) ..... . One day he saw a gang of boys attacking an old man. Jack hated (9) ..... and he fought them all until they ran away. He was awarded a medal for (10) ..... . After that, people changed their minds about him.

ANNOY
OBEY
TALK
POLITE
FRIEND
HONEST
PROUD
CONSCIENCE
VIOLENT
BRAVE

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5 **Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.**

a) You can't tell what someone is like just from their .....B..... .

A) character B) appearance C) personality D) looking

b) I was born in Scotland but I ..... in Northern Ireland.

A) grew up B) raised C) brought up D) rose

c) Edward was named after one of his father's distant ..... .

A) family B) brothers C) members D) relations

d) Jane and Brian got married a year after they got ..... .

A) divorced B) proposed C) engaged D) separated

e) Graham works well in class, but his ..... could be better.

A) rudeness B) behaviour C) politeness D) acting

f) Julie had a terrible ..... with her parents last night.

A) row B) discussion C) argue D) dispute

g) I got to ..... Steve well last year when we worked together.

A) introduce B) know C) meet D) sympathise

h) Is Brenda married or ..... ? I don't like to ask her.

A) spinster B) alone C) bachelor D) single

i) Parents have to try hard to understand the younger ..... .

A) generation B) people C) adolescents D) teenagers

j) My father likes to be called a senior citizen, not an old age ..... .

A) person B) relative C) gentleman D) pensioner

6 **Match the words in the box with a suitable definition (a–l). Use each word once.**

adult	colleague	~~nephew~~	toddler	best man	fiancé	niece
twin	bride	neighbour	sister-in-law	widow		

a) The son of your brother or sister. .....nephew.....

b) A woman on the day of her marriage. .....

c) A young child who is learning to walk. .....

d) What a woman calls the man she is engaged to. .....

e) One of two children born at the same time. .....

f) A person who lives near you. .....

g) The daughter of your brother or sister. .....

h) A person who is fully grown. .....

i) A woman whose husband has died. .....

j) At a wedding, the friend of the bridegroom. .....

k) The sister of the person you marry. .....

l) A person you work with. .....

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7 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

a) After a few days they realised they were .....in..... love.

b) I went ..... with a very interesting girl last week.

c) Andrew acts as ..... he was the most important person in the room.

d) After two years, their marriage broke ..... .

e) John discovered that he was related ..... his next-door neighbour.

f) My parents keep treating me ..... a child, but I'm not one!

g) I was brought ..... by my aunt after my parents died.

h) It was very kind ..... you to give me a lift.

i) Teachers should be patient ..... small children.

j) James was very disappointed ..... his new job.

k) It's very ..... of character for Bill to behave like that.

l) Most famous people behave quite normally ..... private.

8 Replace the words in *italics* with a verb from the box. Use each verb once only.

call in	fall out	give away	put up with	turn down	count on
get on well with	look up to	take after	~~turn up~~		

a) The wedding was cancelled when the bride failed to *arrive*.
.....turn up.....

b) Susan feels that her boss is someone to *respect*. .....

c) I'm sorry, but I just can't *stand* your behaviour any longer. .....

d) My brother and I really *have a good relationship with* our parents.
.....

e) Why don't you *visit my house* on your way home from the shops?
.....

f) Tony felt that he could *rely on* his friend Mary. .....

g) The millionaire decided to *make a present* of his money to the poor.
.....

h) Paula and Shirley are good friends but sometimes they *quarrel*.
.....

i) Jean decided to *refuse* Chris's offer of marriage. .....

j) All three children *behave like* their father and are very sociable.
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9 **Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

Ann Johnson – A confidential report

Ann Johnson has worked at this college for three years. She is a (1) .....A..... employee, and (2) ..... on well with the other members of the department. We have all found her to be an excellent (3) ..... . She has always been (4) ..... for her lessons, and is an extremely (5) ..... member of staff who is able to work independently. I can always (6) ..... on her to organize the end of term play, and she has put on some extremely (7) ..... productions. Her students often tell me how (8) ..... she is, always ready with a smile, and she has been very (9) ..... to many of them. In (10) ..... she is not very talkative and seems rather (11) ..... at first, and might not show her true (12) ..... in an interview. Her work is excellent, and she is (13) ..... to succeed. She is also quite (14) ..... , and has applied for two other positions as Director of Studies. I think that you can count (15) ..... Ann to make your school a success, and I recommend her for the post of Director.

1)	A conscientious	B conscience	C consciousness	D conscious
2)	A goes	B carries	C gets	D likes
3)	A colleague	B adult	C employer	D fellow
4)	A times	B late	C hourly	D punctual
5)	A greedy	B reliable	C stubborn	D lazy
6)	A request	B concentrate	C take	D rely
7)	A imaginary	B imagination	C imaginative	D imagined
8)	A tempered	B cheerful	C frank	D proud
9)	A kind	B aggressive	C polite	D mean
10)	A first	B times	C usual	D private
11)	A but	B shy	C however	D alone
12)	A person	B behaviour	C character	D part
13)	A used	B determined	C had	D supposed
14)	A obedient	B disappointed	C grateful	D ambitious
15)	A on	B for	C with	D to

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