



Personality Traits

Discussion Questions:

1. Think about the personality traits on page 10. Think about your friends and family members. Describe their personalities to your group. Give examples about their personality.
- 2a. What personality traits did you inherit from your parents? How are you similar and different?
- 2b. If you have children, how are your children similar or different from you?

3. TRUE / FALSE: Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- a. Doctors have found a way to transplant people's personalities.
- b. A professor said people wouldn't mind receiving the heart of a killer.
- c. People who receive new organs say they share the donor's memories.
- d. Most donor patients believe they have some of the donor's personality.
- e. The professor said very few people are superstitious about transplants.
- f. The professor said the most logical people are the most superstitious.
- g. A British teenager received a new heart even though she didn't want it.
- h. Scientists have evidence that personality accompanies donated organs.

Synonym Match:

takes place ★	murderer
opinions ★	evidence
receiving ★	view
killer ★	disgusted
aspects ★	beliefs
attitude ★	conclusion
findings ★	happens
repulsed ★	features
will ★	getting
proof ★	wish

Read the article below with your group.

People Fear Personality Transplants

Source: https://breakingnewsenglish.com/0906/090606-organ_donors.html

Many people believe that when an **organ transplant** takes place, parts of the donor's personality travels with the organ. This is **according to** new **research** into people's opinions of organ donation. Professor Bruce Hood from the UK's Bristol University told a **neuro-science conference** that most people are strongly **against** receiving an organ from a killer. His test volunteers said they'd be very happy to receive an organ from a "good" person. Professor Hood said some of his patients believed they now had a part of the personality of their organ donors. He said this even included things like the memories and experiences of the donor. Other research has found that **one in three** organ transplant patients believe they have some **aspects** of their donor's personality.

Britons generally have a very positive attitude to organ donation. However, Professor Hood says his **findings** show many people are **superstitious** about transplants. He said this is natural because even the most **logical** people have many kinds of **superstitions**. He described a British teenager who was given a heart transplant **against her will**. She was afraid that she would be "different with someone else's heart". Professor Hood said, "Most people were **repulsed** by the thought of receiving a transplant from a **murderer**." He added, "Essentially they believe they will somehow take on the **characteristics** of the donor." Scientists say there is no **proof** that personality travels with a donated organ.

4. ORGANS: What organs would you donate / receive? Complete this table with your partner(s). Talk about what you wrote. Change partners and share what you heard.

Organ	Donate?	Receive?	Why?
Heart			
Eyes			
Face			
Kidney			
Brain			
Skin			

5. DONORS DEBATE:

- Students A **strongly** believe all citizens of a country should be organ donors.
- Students B **strongly** believe people should be able to choose if they want to be an organ donor or not.
- Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

6. PERSONALITY TRANSPLANT: What parts of your personality would you like to change? Talk about how and why with your partner. From whom would you like that part of your personality transplanted?

- ability to love
- anger management
- stress
- sense of humour
- intelligence
- artistic ability
- creativeness
- inner strength

STUDENT ORGAN DONATION SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about organ donation in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1	STUDENT 2	STUDENT 3
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

ORGAN DONATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
 - b) What springs to mind when you hear the term 'organ donation'?
 - c) Would you be willing to donate your organs after you die?
 - d) Do you carry an organ donor card?
 - e) Do you think parts of a donor's personality is transplanted along with the organ?
 - f) Would you accept a killer's heart if you needed a heart transplant?
 - g) Do you think people should be able to choose the donor if they need a transplant?
 - h) Do you think it's possible for memories of the dead donor to be transferred to the new patient?
 - i) Do you think organ donation is a good thing?
 - j) What do you think of the idea of a brain transplant?
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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Do people in your country have a positive attitude towards transplants?
- c) Do you have any superstitions about transplants?
- d) Are you superstitious?
- e) What do you think of giving someone a transplant against their will?
- f) Would you like a personality transplant?
- g) Which person would you like a personality transplant from?
- h) What would you worry about if you needed a heart transplant?
- i) Would you have a transplanted animal organ if it saved your life?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Professor Hood?