

Reading

1 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 What kind of people do you like spending time with? Why?
- 2 What kind of person do you think makes a good work colleague? Why?

2 Read about the big five character types and follow the instructions.

The big five character types

Many scientists now believe that there are only five main types of character. Which one are you? Do our quiz on page 114 to find out.

RESULTS

Open people are **curious** and like art and adventure. They have unusual beliefs which some people think are **strange**.

Conscientious people are **organised** and **ambitious**, but never make quick decisions. They are **reliable** and **punctual**.

Extroverted people are **cheerful** and love doing exciting things. They have energy, talk a lot and are never **shy**.

Anxious people are **sensitive**. They care about details and want to get things right. Sometimes they get a bit **nervous**.

Agreeable people are friendly and **generous**. They believe that everyone is good and **honest**.



3 Work in pairs. Are your strongest character types the same? Do you both agree there are five main character types?

Describing people

4 Complete the email. Choose from the adjectives in bold from Activity 2.

To: Jo@aol-online.com
From: Jemma@hotmail.com

Anyway, you asked to see a photo of my family so here it is. Mum and Dad are both middle-aged now but Dad's the overweight, bald one! He used to have a beard that I hated. We're very different from each other. He's (1) I'm always late. He plans everything and is (2) I'm not! He loves talking to people but I'm (3) Mum's always smartly dressed and (4) – she always has a smile on her face. She's (5) so always does what she promises to do. She's also really (6) and will tell you exactly what she thinks! My brother Ryan's in his teens. He's only medium-height but he's well-built for his age and good-looking. He's (7) and wants to be a Formula 1 engineer one day. He's (8) too, so he always knows when I'm feeling a bit sad. Girls love him!



5 Look at the underlined words/phrases in the email. Do they describe age, looks or size?

Speaking

6 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Which family member and friend are you most similar to?
- 2 Which family member and friend are you most different from?