

Adjectives of character

1 Put the letters in order to make adjectives of character. The first letter is underlined.

- 1 gtuignog _____
- 2 tsagiuou _____
- 3 vedersge _____
- 4 tuvodarensu _____
- 5 sutrgint _____
- 6 edogirasn _____
- 7 frcdnento _____
- 8 cussopisiu _____

2 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 My brother never takes risks. He's naturally a *cautious/confident* person.
- 2 I can be quite a *careless/nervous* driver. I don't always pay attention to other drivers.
- 3 Kim believes that everyone is good but personally, I think she's too *suspicious/trusting* of others.
- 4 I'd love to be *adventurous/organised* like my cousin and travel to unusual places all over the world.
- 5 Paul seems happy but he's *nervous/reserved* so doesn't show his feelings much.
- 6 People say that I'm *adventurous/outgoing* because I love talking to people but I used to be quite shy.
- 7 I'm quite a *careless/suspicious* person. I don't trust others easily and don't believe they're all good.
- 8 My colleague Fran is so *cautious/organised*. She plans everything really carefully.



Verb + noun collocations

3 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I don't mind waiting _____
 - 2 We should all make _____
 - 3 If you think you're going to lose _____
 - 4 It's good to take _____
 - 5 It's good to speak _____
 - 6 I'm not very good at meeting _____
- a in line. I use the time to check my messages.
b deadlines. I'm often late with my work.
c your temper, count to ten.
d your mind at work if you do it politely.
e more time for fun with our friends.
f an interest in your friends' lives.

4 Choose the correct option a, b or c.

Changing your character

Fed up with some of your character traits?
Feel like a change? Here are some tips.

Is it hard for you to ¹ your opinion in front of others? If so, prepare for these situations. ² notes on what you want to say and then practise saying it alone at home or in the car. You'll feel confident when you repeat it in a discussion. By simply asking others if they agree with you, you can also ³ charge of the conversation and direct it. Do you ⁴ your temper when you find yourself in some kind of dispute? If so, walk away for ten seconds and then return. ⁵ your mind but do it politely. Then, listen carefully to what the other person has to say. Try to ⁶ the dispute quickly so you can all relax.

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| 1 a say | b tell | c voice |
| 2 a Take | b Do | c Get |
| 3 a have | b take | c make |
| 4 a give | b have | c lose |
| 5 a Speak | b Say | c Talk |
| 6 a resolve | b work | c decide |

5 Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold so they mean the same.

1 It's not possible to understand this article. **MAKE/SENSE**

2 You'll have to join a row of people to get the tickets. **WAIT/LINE**

3 None of my colleagues are curious about my work. **TAKE/INTEREST**

4 If we don't finish our work by a specific time, we'll be in trouble.
MEET/DEADLINE

5 If you feed our cat while we're away, I'll do it for you when you next go away. **RETURN/FAVOUR**

