

READING AND VOCABULARY

2 Read the article on page 87 about the friendship experiment. Make a note of each person's experience, and then answer the questions below.

- a Who were the two most popular people?
- b Who was the least popular person?
- c Who made friends with Maria?
- d Who didn't get along with Fernando?

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1 Decide if these words, highlighted in blue in the text, usually have positive or negative meanings. Check your answers in the article on page 87.

a self-centered (lines 34-35)	g trustworthy (line 40)
b enigmatic (line 27)	h open-minded (line 10)
c down-to-earth (lines 3-4)	i uptight (line 64)
d sensible (line 54)	j mature (line 17)
e stand-offish (line 5)	k laid-back (line 41)
f sensitive (line 20)	

2 Choose words from the list in Exercise 1 which best replace the words in bold in these sentences.

- a My ideal friend would have to be someone **caring** and **dependable**.
- b I think I'm a **level-headed** kind of person. I haven't done anything crazy yet, anyway!
- c I'd say I feel **relaxed** about work - I never let things bother me.
- d People think I'm **unfriendly**, but actually, I'm just really shy.
- e I wish my parents were more **tolerant**. It shouldn't be a problem if I go out at night.
- f I prefer to be friends with people older than me. You can have more interesting conversations with somebody with is **experienced** and **grown-up**.
- g I know somebody who likes to think she's **mysterious**. In fact, she's very boring.
- h I know somebody who's very wealthy, but you wouldn't know it because he's so **unpretentious**.
- i I've got a friend who's really **selfish** - probably because her parents spoiled her when she was a child.



compatible flexible friendly generous happy lively mature sad sensitive weak

Make nouns from the adjectives in the box adding -ity or -ness. Ex: Compatibility
