

Character and personality

Task 1. ADJECTIVES

Match the sentences in the left-hand column with those in the right-hand column. Use the adjectives in bold to help you.

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| 1. I wish John wouldn't be so critical all the time. | A. I know! He spoke non-stop for two hours on the telephone last night! |
| 2. Mary is so witty . | B. She made some really nasty remarks about the new secretary. |
| 3. Chris is such a garrulous person. | C. He hates it when I go out with my friends. |
| 4. Sometimes Rick can be really impulsive . | D. You can never make her change her mind. |
| 5. Laurence is the most conceited person I know. | E. You always believe that only bad things will happen. |
| 6. Mr Kelly is very absent-minded . | F. He loves going to parties. |
| 7. Jan is so obstinate . | G. After all, nobody's perfect. |
| 8. Mr. Roberts is extremely reserved . | H. It's very easy to upset her. |
| 9. You're not very punctual , are you? | I. You're almost never on time. |
| 10. Has anyone ever told you how bossy you are? | J. She always makes good decisions and does the right thing. |
| 11. You're so pessimistic ! | K. That's true. She made a very clever and funny speech at her party. |
| 12. Jenny is optimistic about the future. | L. Her strong and unreasonable ideas have really upset some people. |
| 13. Brian is usually quite reliable . | M. She's always willing to listen to other people's ideas. |
| 14. Claire is very sensitive . | N. He often rushes to do things without thinking of the consequences. |
| 15. June is the most sensible student in the class. | O. Yesterday he went to the library in his slippers! |
| 16. My boyfriend is so possessive . | P. He thinks too much of himself. |
| 17. My mother is quite open-minded . | Q. I trust him completely. |
| 18. Jean should try not to be so bigoted . | R. She feels that everything will work out for the best. |
| 19. At times, Fiona can be really bitchy . | S. You're always telling people what to do. |
| 20. Mark is extremely sociable . | |

Task 2. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS

Look at the following list of words and expressions, and decide whether they are positive (+) or negative (-). Use your dictionary to check the meanings.

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| 1. a fuddy-duddy + / - | 9. a brick + / - | 17. a sponger + / - |
| 2. a pain in the neck + / - | 10. a golden boy + / - | 18. a bimbo + / - |
| 3. a gossip + / - | 11. a high-flyer + / - | 19. a jerk + / - |
| 4. a troublemaker + / - | 12. a windbag + / - | 20. a moron + / - |
| 5. a slob + / - | 13. a busybody + / - | 21. a stick-in-the-mud + / - |
| 6. a layabout + / - | 14. the salt of the earth + / - | 22. the life and soul of the party + / - |
| 7. a wet blanket + / - | 15. a slave driver + / - | |
| 8. a couch potato + / - | 16. an early bird + / - | |

Physical appearance

Task 2.

There are lots of English idiomatic and colloquial expressions which use parts of the body. Complete the expressions in **bold** below with a word from the box. Some of the words can be used more than once.

fingers • nose • toe • muscle • chest • neck • elbow
ear • chin • foot • eye • hand • back • thumb • shoulder

1. He gave me a _____ with the washing-up.
2. They had been going out together for some time, and then she suddenly gave him the _____.
3. Don't worry. I wasn't being serious. I was only pulling your _____.
4. I hoped she would give me a friendly welcome, but in fact she gave me the cold _____.
5. Poor old Peter is dominated by his wife! She's got him under her _____.
6. Can you keep an _____ out for the traffic warden while I go into the bank?
7. He's always annoying me! He's such a pain in the _____.
8. He really put his _____ in it when he said his boss's wife was too fat: she was standing right behind him!
9. She thinks she's better than other people and always looks down her _____ at them.
10. Make sure you follow what is happening. Keep your _____ to the ground.
11. Good luck in the exam. I'll be keeping my _____ crossed for you.
12. I know things are going badly, but keep your _____ up and try to remain cheerful.
13. We get on well, even though we don't always see _____ to _____.
14. You must obey the rules. You have to _____ the line.
15. If something is worrying you, talk to me about it. You'll feel much better if you get it off your _____.
16. He makes me so angry. He always manages to get my _____ up.
17. He interferes all the time. He's always trying to _____ in on our projects and get all the credit for them.
18. Mind your own business! Stop sticking your _____ in!