

Exercise 1 → Match the adjectives with the pictures.

messy / lazy / clumsy / shy / cheerful / grumpy / absent-minded / loud  
rude / hardworking / touchy / selfish / talkative / friendly / easy-going / quiet



Exercise 2 → Find and write the opposites.

lazy	≠	generous	≠
tidy	≠	polite	≠
quiet	≠	sociable	≠

Exercise 3 → Fill in the gaps. Use the adjectives from exercise 1.

1. Anne is constantly on the phone. She's so.....
2. Still in bed at lunch-time! Come on! Get up! You .....boy.
3. Don't forget to take your passport! You're so .....
4. Don't just think of yourself, that's so.....
5. I love Anna! She makes friends very easily, she's very.....
6. Tom is a great guy but he doesn't speak much, he's rather.....

Exercise 4 → Work out the opposites of the following words by separating prefix and radical.

unhappy-impatient-dishonest-untidy-impolite  
unfriendly-irresponsible-intolerant-disorganized

**A. Match the personality adjectives in the box with the definitions.**

quiet	unfriendly	hardworking	generous
funny	confident	dishonest	polite

- ..... 1. An adjective to describe someone who makes people laugh.
- ..... 2. An adjective to describe someone who doesn't talk much.
- ..... 3. An adjective to describe someone who gives their time or money.
- ..... 4. An adjective to describe someone who is unkind and doesn't like people.
- ..... 5. An adjective to describe someone who lies, cheats or steals.
- ..... 6. An adjective to describe someone who is comfortable in social situations.
- ..... 7. An adjective to describe someone who has good manners and behaviour.
- ..... 8. An adjective to describe someone who puts a lot of effort into their work.

**B. Match each personality adjective with its opposite.**



1. funny .....

a. rude



2. confident .....

b. lazy

3. generous .....

c. honest



4. quiet .....

d. stingy



5. dishonest .....

e. shy

6. hardworking .....

f. serious



7. polite .....

g. friendly



8. unfriendly .....

h. talkative

**C. Do the personality adjectives above have a positive, neutral or negative meaning? Put the adjectives in the correct category.**

Positive	Neutral	Negative



**D. Complete the sentences with the personality adjectives from the box.**

quiet	serious	unfriendly	generous	hardworking	rude	honest	stingy
funny	lazy	talkative	confident	friendly	dishonest	shy	polite

1. My dad is very ..... He always makes me laugh.
2. John is ..... he gives to charity and volunteers, but Sam is .....
3. Catherine talks a lot. She is very .....
4. Jeffrey always says 'thank you', he is so .....
5. I don't feel comfortable talking to new people because I'm ..... My cousin Amy loves meeting new people because she is .....
6. Ingrid is ..... She doesn't work and she watches a lot of TV. Her sister works every day. She is .....
7. Jack can't be a comedian, he is too .....
8. Xavier is ..... He always tells the truth.
9. Tiffany makes friends easily because she is very .....
10. If you are ..... and ....., people won't like to be with you.
11. I like talking to people, but I'm a bit ..... because I don't have a lot to say.
12. If you tell lies, you are a ..... person.



**E. Complete the description about yourself using personality adjectives.**

In general , I'm a ..... person but I'm not ..... I'm also not ..... When I go to parties, I talk/don't talk a lot so I'm ..... I'm ..... with my friends. They can/can't trust me because I'm usually very ..... I work/don't work hard so that makes me .....

**F. Now, use personality adjectives to write a description of a friend or family member.**

My ..... is ..... and ..... He/She isn't ..... or ..... His/Her best quality is that he/she is very ..... Our personalities are sometimes similar because we are both ..... However, we are different because I'm ..... and he/she is .....