4A Personality and behavior

1A 4.1 Read the sentences. Then match the adjectives in **bold** in sentences 1–12 with definitions a–l. Listen and check.

1 How **thoughtful** of George to send me a get-well card! ____
2 Britney can be so **bossy**! She's always telling everyone what to do. ____
3 A **clumsy** waiter spilled juice all over Rick's new shirt. ____
4 My boss is extremely **unreasonable** and seems to enjoy saying no to us. ____
5 You've made your brother cry again! Why do you have to be so **mean** to him? ____
6 Julia can be really **stubborn**. It's really hard to get her to change her mind. ____
7 Stella married a **charming**, good-looking man in his mid-thirties. ____
8 I wonder why my father has been so **bad-tempered** recently. He's always yelling at people. ____
9 When I'm stressed out, I like watching **silly** movies on Netflix – nothing too complex or thought-provoking, you know. ____
10 My son is first in his class, but he's not **arrogant**. He says he's just like everyone else, not better than the others. ____
11 Sue seems very **enthusiastic** about her new job. I've never seen her happier. ____
12 Neil is 18, but he's not **responsible** enough to have a car yet. I'm afraid he'll have an accident. ____

a superior
b mature
c unkind
d passionate
e difficult to influence
f friendly and likeable
g unfair
h easily annoyed or made angry
i careless
j controlling
k kind and considerate
l not serious or important; ridiculous

B In pairs, discuss which of the adjectives in exercise 1A are usually positive.

2 4.2 Complete the expressions in **bold** with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Listen and check.

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1 Bob wasn't the one who came up with the original idea, but he still _____ **credit for** his colleague's work at last week's meeting.
2 Lucy's teacher said her term paper was fantastic. He really _____ her **for** her achievement, and even _____ her **to** start a Ph.D. next year.
3 Ron really _____ **on** my **nerves**. I can't stand his attitude. Yesterday he embarrassed me, and I'll never _____ him **for** doing that.
4 Gary's new at the company, so his boss makes lots of unreasonable requests and _____ **advantage of** him.
5 Claire and Sophie can't be roommates because Claire loves cats, while Sophie **can't** _____ them. She says cats _____ her **crazy**.
6 Julio sometimes _____ people **by** constantly talking about how rich he is. Nobody likes the way he keeps _____ **about** his wealth.

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