

PERSONALITY AND RELATIONSHIPS
ADJECTIVES COLLOCATIONS PHRASES

1) Complete the sentences with the adjectives from the box. There are more words than you need.

diminutive fair iron lofty ripe unassuming

- 1 I opened the door and I saw an old man of _____ stature. I could see the top of his head.
- 2 She's got an _____ will: she never gives up, never allows herself a moment of weakness, and mostly gets what she wants.
- 3 Our great-grandmother lived to the _____ old age of a hundred and three.
- 4 I've had more than my _____ share of bad luck today: I missed my bus, failed a test *and* lost a new pair of gloves.
- 5 She is a very _____ person: you'd never guess she's the director of the whole place.

2) Choose the best option.

- 1 I'm impressed with anyone who can hear very good or very bad news and not _____ an eyelid.
A open B close C bat
- 2 When you think of the hardships the refugees _____, it makes you feel for them.
A suffered B had C took
- 3 In the end, I _____ my foot down and just told everyone what to do.
A stamped B put C set
- 4 Adding another storey to your house _____ the approval of the city planning authority.
A acquires B requires C compels
- 5 There's no need to feel sorry for me; I do this work of my own _____ will.
A free B voluntary C independent

3) Complete the sentences with the missing prepositions.

- 1 I think it is sometimes a mistake to always try to see the best _____ people.
 - 2 My Art teacher looked at my work and nodded _____ approval without saying anything.
 - 3 People sometimes blot _____ unhappy memories so effectively that they really cannot recall them.
 - 4 Don't leave work until later, just get on _____ it and then you'll have some time to yourself.
 - 5 I was impressed with the way he managed to put _____ a brave face after his defeat.
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