

Idioms to describe people

Match the people 1–15 with the correct definitions a–o. Write your answers in the boxes on the page opposite.

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| 1 A big shot | a has a lot more capabilities than he or she shows or that people are aware of. |
| 2 A blackleg | b is a failure or weak in some way and has to be helped by others. |
| 3 A busybody | c is usually expected to lose in a competition with someone else. |
| 4 A chatterbox | d always wants to know about other people's private lives. |
| 5 A daredevil | e is a wife who is alone because her husband is temporarily away. |
| 6 A dark horse | |
| 7 A gatecrasher | |
| 8 A grass widow | |
| 9 A guinea pig | |
| 10 A lame duck | f is a very selfish and careless driver. |
| 11 A pain in the neck | g is a real nuisance and most people can't stand him or her. |
| 12 A road hog | h is someone who spoils the atmosphere or prevents others from enjoying themselves by being very boring and negative about everything. |
| 13 An underdog | i can't stop talking. |
| 14 A wet blanket | j is someone with lots of modern ideas, energy and enthusiasm and who achieves a lot while still young. |
| 15 A whizz kid | k is a very important or influential person. |
| | l is used as a subject in medical or other experiments. |
| | m loves taking dangerous risks. |
| | n carries on working when his or her fellow-workers are on strike. |
| | o turns up at parties without being invited to them. |