

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.

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.

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 + / -	