

Vocabulary and word stress: personal qualities

A. Read the podcast extracts and identify the meaning of each word **in bold**.

1. ...people who can take the **initiative**, who can carry out their jobs without needing constant supervision...
 - a. Readiness and ability to start any action.
 - b. The desire to be the first one to finish an action.
2. An honest answer along the lines of, "I'm sorry, but I'd rather not comment" ... shows the third quality to our list--**integrity**...
 - a. Perfection in all professional tasks.
 - b. Adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty.
3. Candidates who show **insight** into the problems, can think about them critically...
 - a. An understanding of the true nature of a thing and the relationship of the related factors, especially through intuition.
 - b. A clear vision of the future.

B. Some nouns about personal qualities can be made into adjectives. Find the corresponding noun or adjective forms to complete this chart.

	Adjective	Noun
1.	confident	
2.		self-assurance
3.		enthusiasm
4.	negative	
5.	willing	
6.	insightful	
7.	committed	

