

# Everyone's different

## Personality

### 1.5 Using some of these expressions from 1.4, write two positive and two negative sentences about someone you know.

He's very/really ... He's so ... He's a bit ... He's much/far too ... She's never/always ...  
The only thing I dislike about her is that she ... The best thing about her is that she ... She can be ...

### 1.4 Read the descriptions that two students have written about a friend. Choose the best word for each gap.

I used to love playing with Sam when we were kids because he's very (1) **C** so he was really good at making up exciting games to play. But he didn't enjoy being in large groups because he was very (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and he didn't like other children playing with us. He's become a bit more (3) \_\_\_\_\_ since then and as a result he's got more friends now. But we had an argument the other day because I made a joke about his clothes. He's much too (4) \_\_\_\_\_ so it's really easy to upset him. I have to be careful what I say.

I met Emma quite recently. The best thing about her is that she's great fun to be with as she's always (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and she never seems to be in a bad mood. She's always got something to say – in fact, she's the most (6) \_\_\_\_\_ person I've ever met. She never gets anxious but in some ways she's far too (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about everything. For example, she nearly always arrives late when we meet up. I don't mind that, though. The only thing I dislike about her is that she can be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to other people – she sometimes makes fun of them, which isn't nice.

1 A easy-going	B thoughtful	C imaginative
2 A shy	B selfish	C hopeless
3 A stubborn	B outgoing	C bossy
4 A sensitive	B sensible	C sympathetic
5 A caring	B cheerful	C demanding
6 A talkative	B generous	C considerate
7 A competitive	B lively	C relaxed
8 A impatient	B unreliable	C unkind

### ERROR WARNING

**Sensitive** = being easily upset:

*Tim is sensitive – he cries at a sad story.*

**Sensible** = showing good judgement:

*Sam is sensible – he always makes wise decisions.*

**Sympathetic** = understanding other people's problems:

*She was sympathetic when I explained why I was late.*

### 2.1 Match the adjectives in A with their opposites in B.

amusing – serious

A amusing	adventurous	generous	gentle	hard-working	modest	polite		
relaxed	self-confident							
B aggressive	arrogant	cautious	lazy	mean	rude	serious	shy	tense

### 2.2 Choose the correct adjective from 2.1 for each sentence.

- After Steve won the prize, he became rather arrogant and expected everyone to look up to him.
- People who are aggressive with their money rarely leave a tip.
- It's shy to walk into someone's office without knocking.
- She could be a really good musician but she's too cautious to practise.
- The day before my driving test I couldn't concentrate on anything because I felt too tense.
- Animals are only generous towards people if they are frightened or hungry.

**3.2** With some nouns, we can add *-ful* to make adjectives meaning 'having' and *-less* to make adjectives meaning 'lacking'. Complete the sentences by adding *-ful* or *-less* to these nouns.

care colour grace harm pain power thank

- 1 We were really thankful that we'd reserved seats as the hall was full.
- 2 That's the second wallet you've lost. Why are you so \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 The president is the most \_\_\_\_\_ person in the country.
- 4 My foot is still \_\_\_\_\_ from when I hurt it last week.
- 5 You needn't be afraid of that snake. It's quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I love watching Mary dance because she's so \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Water is a \_\_\_\_\_ liquid.