

# Idioms to describe people

Match the idioms to their corresponding meanings.

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(2) he's as stubborn as a mule	b) A person who has the desire and the ability to be very successful in their job or studies
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(5) He's a trouble-maker	e) A person who is determined to do whatever they want and unwilling to change their mind.
(6) He's a windbag	f) A person who is too interested in what other people might be doing.
(7) He's a couch potato	g) A person who behaves as if they know everything.
(8) He's got a chip on his shoulder	h) A person who shows no fear, kindness or sympathy.
(9) He's an early bird	i) A person who likes to spoil other people's enjoyment.
(10) He's a busybody	j) A person who is lively, good and entertaining at mixing with people.
(11) He's a stick in the mud	k) A person who is honest, sincere and kind even though sometimes he/she does something wrong.
(12) He's the life and soul of the party	l) A person who often causes trouble.
(13) He's a cold fish	m) A person, group or thing that causes problem, usually because they won't behave properly. Hard to deal with.
(14) His heart is in the right place	n) A person who is often alone or who prefers to be alone rather than with other people.
(15) He's a bit of a loner	o) A person who makes people work extremely hard.
(16) He's an awkward customer	p) A person who looks unfriendly and without strong emotions.
(17) He's a pain in the neck	q) A person who gets up, arrives, etc very early.
(18) He's a real know-all	r) A person who spends most of his/her time sitting around watching TV in a lazy manner.

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1. **A trouble-maker.** David seems to enjoy deliberately causing problems or starting arguments.



2. **A couch potato.** Jeniffer seems to spend all her time sitting in front of the television.



3. **A slave-driver.** My boss Mr Walton makes us all work very hard.



4. **A real know-all.** The problem with Stan is that he behaves as if he knows everything.



5. **A loner.** Martina doesn't really enjoy spending time with other people. She prefers to be on her own a lot.



6. **A windbag.** The annoying thing about Jane is that she talks too much all the time.



7. **A pain in the neck.** Patricia is a nuisance, and is always annoying people.



8. **A cold fish.** Freddie is rather unfriendly, and seems to have no strong feelings.



9. **Her heart's in the right place.** Harriet is very kind and has the right feelings about important things.



10. **She's as hard as nails.** Nellie is rather tough, and doesn't really care about the effects of her actions on other people.



11. **An awkward customer.** Mrs Manser is a very difficult and unhelpful person, and nobody likes dealing with her.



12. **As stubborn as a mule** Mike never changes his mind, even when everybody tells him he is being unreasonable.



13. **He has a chip on his shoulder.** (Chaz often becomes offended or angry because he thinks he's been treated unfairly in the past)



14. **A stick in the mud** (Brian is very old-fashioned and refuses to try anything new.)



15. **A busybody** (Mr Ford shows too much interest in other people's private activities.)



16. **The life and soul of the party** (Peter really enjoys social occasions and is fun and exciting to be with)



17. **A high-flyer** (Gregory works hard and is always extremely successful in anything he does at work.



18. **An early bird** (John always wakes up at half past five and is at work by seven o'clock)



19. **A killjoy** (Caroline hates to see people having fun and always tries to spoil other people's pleasures



20. **The salt of the earth** (Nigel is a good and honest man who will always help you if you have problems.

