

UNIT 9B – HABITS

MATCHING: Match the words / phrases with their correct definition / explanation

1. cynical	a. saying funny and clever things while seeming to be serious
2. content	b. respecting and allowing many different types of beliefs or behavior
3. determined	c. pleasant and attractive
4. dry sense of humour	d. always trying to make someone do what you want
5. intense	e. complain or express disappointment or unhappiness repeatedly
6. liberal	f. pleased with your situation and not hoping for change or improvement
7. modest	g. needing a lot of attention, effort, or time
8. charming	h. good at persuading sb and saying nice things, but you do not trust them
9. demanding	i. not trusting or respecting the goodness of other people
10. controlling	j. serious and has very strong feelings or opinions
11. lighten up	k. showing the strong desire to follow sth even if it is difficult
12. a smooth talker	m. to become more relaxed and less serious
13. whine	n. do not want to talk about their abilities or achievements

Vocabulary

10 a Match 1–10 with follow-up comments a–j.

- 1 My sister's so **cynical**.
- 2 My gran's always seemed very **content** with her life.
- 3 My daughter never gives up – she's very **determined**.
- 4 She has a very **dry sense of humour**.
- 5 She can be very **intense**.
- 6 My dad's always been pretty **liberal**.
- 7 My granddad was a very **modest** sort of chap.
- 8 Everyone said he was a very **charming** man.
- 9 He was a very **demanding** child.
- 10 Her husband was such a **controlling** man.

- a I mean, you'll never hear her complaining or anything.
- b She'll usually see the worst motives in everything.
- c Once she's decided to do something, she'll do it!
- d She's so emotional! I wish she'd **lighten up** a bit.
- e She'll always look dead serious when she's joking.
- f He was certainly a **smooth talker**. He could sell you anything.
- g He'd constantly **whine** if he didn't get attention.
- h He'd always need to know where she was going.
- i He'd always let me stay out late and have friends over.
- j He'd never boast, even though he was very talented.