Character and personality Idioms

Use them to complete sentences 1 – 35. Note that many of the words / expressions have a negative connotation and are not very polite, so you should be careful how you use them!

anorak	bigmouth	bunny boiler	busybody	chatterbox	chinless wonder
clock-watcher	couch potato	crank	creep	daydreamer	Don Juan
eager beaver	early bird	golden boy	happy camper	life and soul of the party	
moaning Minnie	pain in the neck	rolling stone	rough diamond	salt of the earth	
Scrooge	scrounger	skiver	slave driver	smart Alec	smart cookie	stuffed shirt
tearaway	troublemaker	wallflower	wet blanket	wimp	wolf in sheep's clothing

1. Nobody likes Peter very much because he's so annoying. He's a right _____!
2. Andy is so boring. Did you know that his idea of a perfect day is going to the station to collect train registration numbers? What a / an _____!
3. I know that you don't like your job very much, but I wish you would stop complaining about it all the time. Don't be such a / an _____!
4. Imelda loves working here: she's a real _____.
5. Alan is an excellent and intelligent manager who runs the department well and deals effectively with any problems that come up. Everyone agrees that he's a / an _____.
6. You've been sitting in front of the television for almost four hours. Why don't you turn it off and go for a walk? You're turning into a / an _____.
7. We were having a wonderful evening until Anne joined us. Why does she have to be so negative about everything all the time? She's such a / an _____!
8. Don't be such a /an _____! If you concentrated instead of speaking all the time, you would get more work done.
9. If you want some help, ask Imelda. She's always happy and willing to help out: she's a real _____!
10. I hope Rick comes out with us tonight. He's such good fun, always the _____.
11. Poor Samantha is a bit of a / an _____. She would have much more fun and would get to know more people if she had more confidence.
12. Don is a bit of a / an _____. He never eats vegetables because he thinks they slow down your brain!
13. Don't be such a / an _____! You've only got a small cut on your hand; you haven't lost a whole arm!
14. All the newspapers are writing about Gordon Stapleton. He's the new _____ of English football.
15. When Laurence ended his relationship with Mandy, she refused to accept it and started sending him insulting letters. Then one day she went to his house and threw a brick through his window! I never realised she was such a _____!

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16. My line manager Mr Burton is a real _____. Yesterday he made us work for six hours without a break, and wouldn't let us leave until 7 o'clock.

17. Maureen is the _____ in this company. She starts work at 7 o'clock, two hours before anyone else arrives.

18. I'm afraid my son has become a bit of a / an _____. He stays out all night with his friends and he never listens to a word I say.

19. All the girls in the office love Daniel, and he loves them right back! He's a regular _____.

20. Mrs Ranscombe is such a /an _____. I wish she would stop interfering in my private life!

21. My boss is a real _____: he pays us peanuts and hasn't given us a pay rise for two years.

22. James is a bit of a / an _____. He never seems to pay attention during his lessons, and doesn't appear to take in anything I say.

23. Martin isn't ill! He's not at work today because he's too lazy to come in, the _____!

24. Michelle never pays for anything when we go out, and just relies on other people. She's such a / an _____.

25. Mike has always been a / an _____. He can never stay in the same place for very long, and he rarely keeps the same job for more than six months.

26. Our new secretary is a / an _____. She doesn't work very hard, and she can't wait for the working day to end.

27. Everyone respects Arthur. He's the _____.

28. I would avoid Christine, if I were you. She's a real _____, and loves to start arguments.

29. When I ask you a question, I want you to give me a short, sensible answer. Don't be a / an _____!

30. Come on, Bill. Relax and enjoy yourself! Don't be such a / an _____.

31. Anthony is always following the boss around, carrying his briefcase and papers, opening doors for him and bringing him cups of coffee. What a _____!

32. Don't ask Tina to keep a secret: she's a real _____.

33. I know that Mr Connor isn't very well spoken and doesn't behave very politely, but he's a pleasant and kind man, a real _____.

34. Mr Kelly seems nice and kind when you first start working for him, but in fact he's a ruthless businessman who will fire you the first time you make a mistake. He's a real _____.

35. Tarquin is a bit of a _____. He has lots of money, but everyone thinks he's weak and stupid.

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