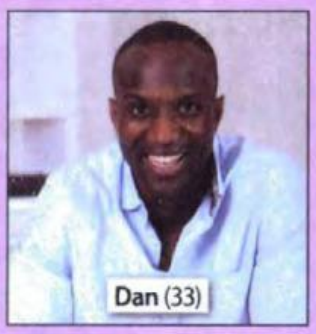
7 Character

HOW I SEE MYSELF

HOW OTHERS SEE ME

My **character**? I'm **ambitious** and **outgoing**, and I think I'm **generous**.



Some people really like me, and like the fact I'm so **confident**. Others say I'm not very **patient**.

I see myself as **practical**, **organized** and very **hard-working**.

Other people probably think I'm very **sensible**, quite **shy** and maybe a bit **dull**.

I'm always **cheerful**, I'm **easy-going**, and I've got lots of **energy**.

My parents don't think I'm very **responsible**. My friends just think I'm **crazy**.

GLOSSARY

see sb as sth	imagine or think of sb in a particular way	**organized**	good at planning and arranging things OPP **disorganized**
character	the qualities that make sb different from other people SYN **personality**	**hard-working**	able to work with effort and for a long time OPP **lazy**
ambitious	An **ambitious** person wants to be successful, to have power, etc. **ambition** *n*	**sensible**	able to think carefully about sth and do the right thing OPP **stupid**
outgoing	friendly and interested in other people and new experiences	**shy**	not able to talk easily to people you do not know
generous	always ready to give people things or to spend money OPP **mean**	**dull**	not interesting or exciting; a bit boring
confident	feeling sure about your own ability OPP **insecure**	**cheerful**	feeling happy
patient	able to stay calm and wait for sth/sb OPP **impatient; patience** *n*	**easy-going**	relaxed and not worried by what others do
practical	making sensible decisions and good at dealing with problems OPP **impractical**	**energy**	the ability to be very active without getting tired **energetic** *adj*
		responsible	able to act sensibly and intelligently OPP **irresponsible**

SPOTLIGHT *crazy, mad, stupid*

Crazy *inf* and **mad** *inf* mean 'not sensible or practical; a bit stupid'.

Both words can describe a person or an action or idea, but the meaning is not always negative. They can describe someone who is a bit out of control but just wants to enjoy life. **Stupid** is always negative.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Positive or negative, or possibly both? Write *P, N* or *B*.

- ▶ She's very cheerful. P
- 1 He's very organized. .....
- 2 They're a bit dull. .....
- 3 He is very easy-going. .....
- 4 She's extremely practical. .....
- ▶ He's very ambitious. B
- 5 He can be quite mean. .....
- 6 He's very confident. .....
- 7 My brother is mad, but I love him. .....
- 8 Karen is so patient. .....

2 Underline the main stress in these words. Use the app to help you. Practise saying the words.

- ▶ cheerful
- 1 energetic
- 2 responsible
- 3 generous
- 4 easy-going
- 5 confident
- 6 disorganized
- 7 personality

3 Match 1–8 with a–i.

- ▶ feeling sure about your own ability c
- 1 boring .....
- 2 relaxed and not worried by others .....
- 3 friendly and interested in others .....
- 4 good at planning and arranging .....
- 5 able to stay calm and wait for things .....
- 6 feeling happy .....
- 7 not interested in giving money or helping people .....
- 8 active without getting tired .....

- a organized
- b cheerful
- c confident ✓
- d patient
- e energetic
- f dull
- g outgoing
- h easy-going
- i mean

4 Complete the table.

ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE	ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE
▶ patient	impatient	confident	.....
responsible	.....	sensible	.....
lazy	.....	organized	.....
generous	.....	practical	.....

5 Complete the words in each sentence.

- ▶ Marcel never does any work – he's so lazy.
- 1 My brother's a bit irresponsible and does some c..... things, but he's fun.
- 2 Keiko's a good person to share a flat with: she's very e.....-g.....
- 3 Zoltan is a great person to work with: he's very p..... and o.....
- 4 Marco is very g..... : he's always the first person to buy you a drink.
- 5 Since Katy went to university and got a boyfriend, she's become more c.....
- 6 My brother's lazy, but my sisters have always been very h.....-w.....
- 7 I don't think young Aaron is r..... enough to drive a car.
- 8 Andrea has so much e..... – she's always doing something.
- 9 My sister is the s..... member of the family – thinks carefully and never does anything s.....
- 10 My cousin Sylvia has an interesting c..... Sometimes she is quite s..... and insecure, but at other times you realize she is very a..... and wants to do well and be successful.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions, or ask another student.

- 1 Are you ambitious? If so, in what way? .....
- 2 Would you say you're hard-working or a bit lazy? .....
- 3 Are you outgoing or quite shy? .....
- 4 When are you impatient? .....
- 5 Are you very organized? If so, in what way? .....
- 6 Are you usually cheerful? Why/why not? .....
- 7 How do you see yourself? Write three adjectives. .....
- 8 Which two qualities are the most important for you: ambition, patience, energy or generosity? .....

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS