

16) Character

A Personal qualities

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Galina's profile:

My friends describe me as a real **extrovert**. I'm an **enthusiastic, talkative** sort of person, but at the same time I love to hear other people's opinions. I'm also quite **decisive** and feel able to **assert myself** in different social situations. I have a very positive **attitude to** life, and I'm **truly passionate** about health and fitness. My sister describes me as a **lively** and **dynamic** person.

GLOSSARY

extrovert	a lively, confident person who enjoys being with other people OPP introvert; extrovert adj, introverted, introvert adj
enthusiastic	feeling or showing a lot of excitement or interest about sth/sb enthusiasm n
talkative	A talkative person likes to talk a lot.
decisive	able to make decisions quickly and with confidence
assert yourself	behave in a confident way and say clearly what you think or want assertive adj
attitude (to/towards/ about/on sth/sb)	the way you think or feel about sth/sb
truly	used to emphasize sth; very
passionate (about sth)	very enthusiastic or interested passion (for sth) n
lively	full of life and energy
dynamic	having a lot of energy and a strong personality

1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D.

Use the app to help you.

1	dynamic	truly
2	passionate	assert
3	passion	enthusiastic
4	lively	dynamic

- 5 talkative introvert
- 6 assertive extrovert
- 7 enthusiasm decisive
- 8 assertive attitude

2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 My sister is absolutely passionate for skiing.

2 She can't make up her mind about the holiday. She's not very deciding about things.

3 Maurice really needs to assert him in meetings. I never know what he thinks.

4 The professor talked with great enthusiastic about the new developments in chemistry.

5 Helene has a live personality and everyone likes her.

6 Her colleagues appreciate Anna's pleasant and dynamism manner.

7 My cousin has a passion of Scottish castles. He spends all his time visiting them.

8 I'm true passionate about the problem of global warming.

3 Complete the dialogues.

- 1 Su and Dan love climbing and they go all the time. ~ I know – they're about it.
- 2 Robina just concentrates on her own thoughts. ~ Yes, she's an
- 3 She's full of ideas and has lots of energy. ~ Yes, she's very
- 4 Oren is very confident and gets people to listen to what he thinks. ~ Yes, he's
- 5 Ryan is very interested and excited about the new school plans. ~Yes, he's very
- 6 Ruby loves to chat – she never stops. ~ Yes, she's very
- 7 Carly makes choices quickly and with confidence. ~ Yes she's very
- 8 The children are running about and having fun. ~ Yes, they're very today.
- 9 Adam's confident, open and enjoys being with people. ~ Yes, he's an

4 **ABOUT YOU** Write your answers, or talk to another student.

Who among your friends and family is ...

an extrovert? an introvert? very talkative? dynamic?

truly passionate about something? (What?) assertive? enthusiastic about

► My sister is an extrovert. She loves talking to people and is very confident.



TEST YOURSELF

B Ideal match

Galina describes her ideal match:

I'm attracted to men who are **considerate** and **sensible**, and they should be happy to show **affection** too. I'm not looking for a **saint** – just a normal guy who is **sincere** and is looking for a **genuine** relationship. I don't like people who **show off** or **boast** about things. I'm interested in someone with **integrity** who is **decent** and has **ethical** values. And if they like the outdoor life, so much the better!

SPOTLIGHT *saint* and *holy*

- 1 A **saint** (abbreviations **S**, **St**) is a person that the Christian Church recognizes as being very **holy** (= good in a religious or moral way) because of the way they have lived or died.
- 2 In the text, a **saint** (*inf*) is a very good, kind person.

GLOSSARY

considerate	thinking about other people's wishes and feelings SYN thoughtful OPP inconsiderate ; consideration <i>n</i>
sensible	make good judgements based on reason and experience rather than emotion
affection	the feeling of liking or caring about sth/sb affectionate <i>adj</i> SYN loving
sincere	(of feelings or beliefs) showing what you really think SYN genuine OPP insincere
show off <i>inf</i> , <i>disapproving</i>	behave in a way that is intended to attract people's attention and make them admire you. A person who does this is a show-off .
boast	talk with too much pride about sth you have or can do
integrity	the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles
decent	honest, good and fair
ethical	connected with beliefs and principles about what is good and right ethic <i>n</i> : They're looking for people with a strong work ethic .

5 Positive or negative? Write *P* or *N*.

- 1 That woman is a real saint.
- 2 The decision is completely ethical.
- 3 He's a decent guy.
- 4 She shows off a lot.
- 5 He's very genuine.
- 6 I find him quite insincere.
- 7 She shows a lot of affection.
- 8 He's always boasting.
- 9 I think she's inconsiderate.
- 10 He has integrity.

6 Circle the correct word.

- 1 Angela arrived in an expensive outfit, covered in jewellery. I think she was **showing off** / **boasting**.
- 2 Mario adores his wife and is very **holy** / **affectionate** towards her.
- 3 I think you can trust Jamelia's judgement; she's very **affectionate** / **sensible**.
- 4 Do you think Mr Erickson is **ethical** / **sincere** about wanting to help us?
- 5 **Decent** / **Thoughtful** people don't go stealing from shopping malls.
- 6 We need people in this company who have a strong work **integrity** / **ethic**.
- 7 You have to be a **show-off** / **saint** to live with Duncan: he's a very difficult person.

7 Complete the sentences.

- 1 It's to give your seat to an elderly person on a bus or train.
- 2 Where I live, you should never show any to your husband or wife in the street.
- 3 A lot of people who off are unsure of themselves and are seeking attention.
- 4 Some people about their expensive holidays. It gets on my nerves.
- 5 people are kind and friendly towards strangers or foreigners.
- 6 People who keep you waiting for over fifteen minutes are really
- 7 In my country, shop assistants smile a lot and seem friendly, but I don't think that it's
- 8 In my country, most politicians have and can be trusted.

8 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Are the sentences in Exercise 7 true about your country? If not, what is the truth? Write your answers, or tell another student.

