

# VOCABULARY

## Describing Character

### Exercise 1

Complete the table

<b>Noun</b>	<b>Adjective</b>
creativity	
flexibility	
	generous
honesty	
	idealistic
intelligence	
	loyal
maturity	
	modest
optimism	
pessimism	
	punctual
realism	
seriousness	
	shy
sociability	
	stubborn
	thoughtful

## Exercise 2

Complete the phrases for describing personal qualities with the words below.

**common**  
**initiative**

**communicating**  
**lack**

**courage**  
**sense**

**energy**  
**skills**

- 1 have a good \_\_\_\_\_ of humour
- 2 have lots of / no \_\_\_\_\_ sense
- 3 have good organisational \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ self-confidence
- 5 have physical \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 be good at \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 show lots of \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 have lots of \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 3

Complete the sentences with adjectives and phrases from exercises 1 and 2.

- 1 Sue is very \_\_\_\_\_. She always thinks things will get worse.
- 2 Harry loves telling jokes. He has \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Try to be \_\_\_\_\_. It isn't good to be late.
- 4 She always tells the truth. She's very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 She's always telling everyone how clever she is. She isn't very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 He loves being with other people. He's the most \_\_\_\_\_ person I know!
- 7 She loves dangerous sports. She has great \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 He always knows what to do. You don't need to tell him. He \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exercise 4

Complete the sentences with adjective or noun form of the words in bold.

1 I don't expect any **sympathy** from my brother. He's never been very \_\_\_\_\_.

2 My friend Hannah is always **cheerful**. Her \_\_\_\_\_ puts everyone in a good mood.

3 I haven't really got any **ambitions**. I guess you could say I'm not very \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Some parents quickly lose \_\_\_\_\_ with their children. I think they need to be more **patient**.

5 If you want children to be **creative**, you have to encourage their \_\_\_\_\_.

6 Our art teacher shows great **enthusiasm** for our pictures. I don't know how he can be so \_\_\_\_\_.

7 My sister's **self-confidence** has grown since she was young. Now she's almost too \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exercise 5

Choose the correct verbs.

1 To be a firefighter, you need *to be / have / lack* physical courage.

2 A career in politics is not for those who *be / lack / show* self-confidence.

3 A comedian needs to *be / have / lack* a good sense of humour in order to make people laugh.

4 It's important for a teacher to *be / have / show* good at communicating.

5 You need to *be / have / lack* lots of energy to work with small children.

6 You have to *be / lack / show* lots of initiative if you want to get a promotion.