# DESCRIBING CHARACTER AND BEHAVIOR



## 1 Focus on vocabulary 1

**Complete the sentences with the adjectives below.**

**Part A:**

arrogant friendly funny generous smart

1. Joseph is very _____. Everybody likes him!
2. My grandmother is very _____. Every time I see her, she gives me 10 pounds!
3. George is so _____. I always laugh when I spend time with him.
4. Darrel is very _____. He thinks he is better than everybody else.
5. Jack is very _____. He can learn a new language in only one month!

**Part B:**

boring cheerful honest rude shy

1. Steven is very _____. When I listen to him, I want to sleep.
2. Akiko is very _____. She never lies.
3. Kate is really _____. She never says "please", "thank you" or "you're welcome".
4. Angela is a _____ girl. She doesn't speak when there are a lot of people.
5. Pedro is a very _____ guy. He likes smiling and laughing.


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## 2 Listening comprehension

**Listen to Nora talking about her friends to her father. Match the names and adjectives below to the people in the photo.**

**Alexei** **Aurora** **Galina** **Jake** **Marcos** **Milena** **Nikos**

a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____

e) _____ e) _____ f) _____




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|---|---|---|---|
| i. | Marcos | a. | funny |
| ii. | Aurora | b. | generous |
| iii. | Jake | c. | smart |
| iv. | Galina | d. | cheerful |
| v. | Alexei | e. | shy |
| vi. | Milena | f. | friendly |
| vii. | Nikos | g. | rude |


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## 3 Focus on vocabulary 2

**Match the adjectives on the left with their opposite on the right.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | generous | a. | mean |
| 2. | boring | b. | miserable |
| 3. | shy | c. | polite |
| 4. | rude | d. | confident |
| 5. | cheerful | e. | interesting |
| 6. | arrogant | f. | modest |

## 4 Speaking practice

**Part A: In pairs, choose a card below and explain the adjective underlined without using any of the words below it.**

| **funny** | **mean** | **rude** | **honest** |
|---|---|---|---|
| laugh | give | please | lie(s) |
| smile | share | thank you | truth |
| joke | things | respect | cheat |
| serious | generous | polite | dishonest |

| **miserable** | **arrogant** | **boring** | **shy** |
|---|---|---|---|
| unhappy | better | sleep | quiet |
| sad | proud | tired | nervous |
| smile | important | exciting | people |
| cheerful | modest | interesting | confident |

**Part B: In small groups, think of four friends or relatives that your classmates don't know (you can show them photos if you have them on your phone). Describe their personality, giving reasons.**


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## 5 Grammar

**Read the explanation, then complete the task below.**

- Some of the adjectives in this lesson can also describe a person's behavior. Study the sentence below about John, a 40-year-old American tourist in Paris.

*John is being funny.*

- **Normally,** we do not use the present continuous of the verb 'be'. **However,** when we talk about somebody's behavior, we can use the present continuous of 'be'. The meaning is:

*John is behaving in a funny way right now. (**NOT:** John is generally funny.)*

**In pairs, look at what John said below. Describe how he is behaving using the present continuous of 'be' + adjectives from this lesson.**

1. "I learned French in a week. I'm so wonderful."

2. "I can't help you. I'm not from France. Please go away!"

3. "I hate this job. I do the same thing every day. I don't want to go back to work."

4. "I'm 40 years old."

5. "I look older, but I'm only 28 years old."

6. "Thank you very much for your help."


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## 6 Extension activities/homework

**Task A: Complete the script with one word in each gap. Then listen again and check.**

**Nora's father**: This is a nice photo!

**Nora**: Let me see... oh yes, those _____[1] my friends. I took that photo while they were _____[2] a selfie.

**Nora's father**: They seem nice. I don't _____[3] I know any of them...

**Nora**: I think you do, you just don't remember. Starting _____[4] the left, this is Marcos.

**Nora's father**: He looks confident.

**Nora**: Actually, he's usually very shy! Next _____[5] him, there's Aurora. She's always making jokes, she's so funny. Then behind her, with the curly hair, is Jake.

**Nora's father**: What's he like?

**Nora**: He's really smart. He's almost a doctor! I think he finishes his courses next year. Who else: the one taking the selfie is Galina. She's such _____[6] good friend, always so cheerful. The tall one behind her is called Alexei. He's the only one I don't like very much.

**Nora's father**: Why's that?

**Nora**: Well, he can be a _____[7] rude sometimes. But he's OK. That is Milena, she's really generous. Always helping others!

**Nora's father**: I think I remember this last _____[8] now. The one with the blue T-shirt. What's his name?

**Nora**: Nikos.

**Nora's father**: Yes, he was here before, _____[9] he? He was very friendly.

**Nora**: Yes, that's him! I'm really lucky to have them _____[10] friends!

**Task B: In pairs, write short dialogues to show different personality types. Do not mention the actual adjectives. Then perform the dialogues to the class, who have to guess what adjective it is.**


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