



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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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) _____



- i. Marcos
- ii. Aurora
- iii. Jake
- iv. Galina
- v. Alexei
- vi. Milena
- vii. Nikos

- a. funny
- b. generous
- c. smart
- d. cheerful
- e. shy
- f. friendly
- g. rude



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Focus on vocabulary 2

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

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

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Speaking practice

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

<u>funny</u> laugh smile joke serious	<u>mean</u> give share things generous	<u>rude</u> please thank you respect polite	<u>honest</u> lie(s) truth cheat dishonest
<u>miserable</u> unhappy sad smile cheerful	<u>arrogant</u> better proud important modest	<u>boring</u> sleep tired exciting interesting	<u>shy</u> quiet nervous people 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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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.

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

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

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

- "I'm 40 years old."

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

- "Thank you very much for your help."



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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.