

REMEMBER BETTER

To remember the order of adjectives in a sentence memorise the acronym: **ALSO**, which stands for the adjectives representing four main categories of adjectives (opinion, size, type, colour). **ALSO** stands for: **a**mazing, **l**ong, **s**traight, **o**range (hair). You can always refer to **ALSO** when you want to put two or three adjectives in the correct order.



WORD STORE 4C | Personality

5 Complete the text with the opposites of the adjectives in brackets. The first letters are given.

Application for summer camp volunteers



Describe yourself:

I'm a very **sociable** (UNSOCIABLE) person. I love meeting people and talking to them. I'm not at all **'s**_____ (CONFIDENT). At school, I'm quite **'s**_____ (FUNNY) and hard-working but, when I'm not working, I have a good sense of humour. I'm **'c**_____ (STUPID) and do well with my school work. I am hoping to go to university next year to study law. I'm a very **'p**_____ (NEGATIVE) person and I try to see the good in people. I think I'm an **'i**_____ (BORING) person and that most people like me. I care about people and animals and I think I am **'k**_____ (UNKIND).

Personal details:

Name: Janine

Surname: Terence

Age: 18

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In English, we try not to use negative adjectives when we talk about people. Instead, we use the structure **not very + positive adjective**. Compare:

He's ugly. vs He's not very handsome.

6 Rewrite the sentences using more polite forms.

British people are shy.

British people aren't very confident.

1 The boys in my class are funny.

2 My brother is negative about other people.

3 This film is boring.

4 The new student is unsociable.

5 Those girls are unkind.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

7 Choose the correct answers A–C.

- 1 Janet's sister is quite _____. I think she's fourteen.
A young B short C middle-aged
- 2 Emily's got ____ hair. I think it looks great.
A short, curly, B curly, dark, C dark, curly, dark
short short
- 3 Mark does a lot of exercise. He is really _____.
A well-built B tall C sociable
- 4 What ____ the new English teacher look like?
A is B does C has
- 5 Grandpa hasn't got any hair – he's _____.
A wavy B curly C bald
- 6 Poor Colin never does well in his exams. He tries hard but he isn't very _____.
A positive B interesting C clever
- 7 It's difficult for Jackie to make friends at university because she is so _____.
A shy B kind C sociable
- 8 Paul never laughs. He is always so _____. He's so different to his brother.
A confident B serious C funny
- 9 What's your new teacher ____?
A look B look like C like
- 10 My mum's hair isn't curly and it isn't straight. It's _____.
A bald B wavy C blond

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