

Putting words together...



- ▶ People who like to say and hear funny things have a **good sense of humour** (UK)/**humor** (US). If you enjoy being with someone like this, you can say that they are **good fun**. If you **make a joke**, you say something to make people laugh.

- ▶ If people are happy to do things, you can say that they are **willing** to do them.
- ▶ If someone has a lot of energy, you can say that they are **full of energy**.

Exercise 3

Complete the second sentence so it has the opposite meaning to the first.

- Max has a good sense of humour.
Max is always very serious.
- Her students were sometimes rude to her.
Her students were always _____.
- My sister likes making jokes.
My sister doesn't have _____.
- My neighbours were always very helpful.
My neighbours were never _____ help.

Describing people's personality



To ask about someone's personality, you can say:

- ▶ **What's he/she like?**

To describe someone's personality, you can say:

- ▶ **He's quite a friendly/lazy person.**

To talk about something bad in someone's personality, you can say:

- ▶ **She can be a bit rude/unfriendly.**

He's/She's always ... is used for describing what someone often does, often something bad:

- ▶ **He's always late! She's always complaining!**

He/She never ... is used for complaining about things that people do not do:

- ▶ **He never listens. She never stops talking.**

Exercise 4



Listen to and read what Bella and Anna say about their university friends. Are the following sentences (1–5) true (T) or false (F)?

Bella

'I met Adam on my first day at university. He helped me carry my bags to my room, and we became friends straight away, although he's quite a shy person and didn't say much. He's always kind to me, and now I know him better, I know that he has a good sense of humour. If I feel upset about something, I always call him.'



Anna

'I love spending time with Lisa because she's such good fun. She's a very lively person, really full of energy – she loves parties and she never stops talking! Our teachers don't like her much though, and she can be a bit lazy about work. We have a strict English teacher who gets very angry because Lisa never does her homework, but it doesn't make any difference!'



- On the day they met, Adam was very lively, and talked a lot to Bella.
- Adam is always very serious.
- Lisa is a rather boring person.
- Lisa makes a lot of effort with her university work.
- Lisa's English teacher is not happy with her work.

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Use the words you've learned...

Describe the personality of some of your friends or family.