



DESCRIBING PERSONALITY TRAITS



INCLUDING NEGATIVE PREFIXES

We use adjectives to describe people's personality.

Positive Adjectives

- kind • honest • patient
- generous • confident • helpful
- hardworking • friendly • polite

Negative Prefixes

We add a negative prefix to change the meaning of an adjective.

un-	(not)	kind	→	unkind
dis-	(not)	honest	→	dishonest
im-	(not) / (without)	patient	→	impatient
in-	(not)	polite	→	impolite
ir-	(not)	responsible	→	irresponsible
self-	(too much)	confident	→	overconfident

Examples:

- She is kind but sometimes she can be impatient.
- He is honest and responsible.
- My brother is very unorganized!
- He can be impolite with strangers.

1 Match the adjectives with their meanings.

1. kind	A. not kind; mean
2. honest	B. not honest; tells lies
3. patient	C. not patient; gets angry easily
4. generous	D. not polite; rude
5. confident	E. helpful and likes to give
6. hardworking	F. works very hard
7. unkind	G. says what is true; doesn't lie
8. dishonest	H. calm; can wait without complaining
9. impatient	I. friendly and nice to people
10. impolite	J. sure about yourself; believes in your ability



2 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective from the box.

kind honest patient generous confident hardworking
unkind dishonest impatient impolite

- My sister is very _____. She always helps other people.
- Tom is _____. He never tells the truth.
- I hate people who are _____ and shout at others.
- She is a _____ student. She always does her homework.
- My dad is very _____. He waits for me when I am late.
- He is _____ and gives money to charity.
- It's _____ to push in a queue.
- My little brother is sometimes _____ and breaks my things.
- She feels shy, but she is quite _____ when she speaks in class.
- I don't like people who are _____ and don't care about others.

3 Read the descriptions. Write the correct adjective.

- He always tells the truth.
He is very _____.
- She never stops talking!
She is so _____.
- He never helps anyone.
He is really _____.
- She works a lot and never gives up. She is _____.
- He thinks he is better than everyone else.
He is very _____.



4 Write sentences about these people. Use a positive adjective and a negative adjective.

Example: 1. Emma – kind / impatient → Emma is kind, but she can be impatient.

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Emma

②



Jack

③



Sophie

④



Liam

⑤



Mia
