

person

1 Determiners and quantifiers

Complete the sentences with these words:

each	first	last
one	only	single

- When my car broke down on the motorway, not a person stopped and offered to help me.
- My best friend is about the person that I can trust my secrets to.
- Allow about 200gms of rice for person.
- Democratic systems are based on the principle of person, one vote.
- The person to give the correct answer wins the competition.
- I wouldn't go out with Damien if he were the person on earth!

2 Common adjective collocations

Match the two halves of these situations:

- Federico's a very private person.
- Tom strikes me as a very humble person.
- Bill's a very insecure person.
- Angie seems to be a responsible person.
- Liz is the wrong person to talk to.
- Harry's not a very organised person.
- Simon's a lively, talkative person.
- Jo will be remembered as a caring, thoughtful person.
- I think we can rely on her to finish the job.*
- You'll enjoy his company.*
- He always arrives late for meetings.*
- He was always doing things for other people.*
- She can't keep a secret for more than a minute.*
- He keeps himself to himself.*
- He's got a lot of hang-ups and low self-esteem.*
- He never talks about his achievements.*

Now use these adjectives in the sentences below:

average	difficult	guilty	poor
reasonable	right	stupid	easy

- After a difficult few months, there seems to be general agreement that Melanie is the person for the job.
- It is a fact that the person in the street is much better-off today than they were twenty years ago.

- The new finance director is not an person to deal with, is she?
No, I'm finding her fairly, too.
- The police are sifting through the evidence in an effort to find the person.
- What person left the oven on all night! We could all have burnt to death!
- What a state the room was in at the end of the party. I pity the person who had to clean the mess up.
- Any, right-minded person can see that this decision is not fair.

3 Kinds of person

Match up these people with the definitions:

- a morning person
 - a displaced person
 - a missing person
 - an outdoor person
 - a people person
- somebody who has disappeared*
 - somebody who gets on well with almost anybody*
 - someone who is at their best before lunch*
 - somebody who likes walking, climbing etc.*
 - somebody who has been forced to leave their own country and has not found asylum in another country*

Notes

- Note this useful way of talking about someone:
He's the type of person who always offers to help.
- Note these expressions:
It gave me a big thrill to meet Sting in person after the concert.
Can I speak to the person in charge, please?
Police think they have found the person responsible for the attack.
Reactions to the treatment vary from person to person.
Rooms cost from £20 per person.
Customs officers found drugs concealed about his person.
- This is a common question:
What's Linda like as a person?