

Vocabulary and Reading Test

Vocabulary "Adjectives that describe character"

Task 1. Choose the correct adjective (a-l) for each sentence (1-12).

A	B
1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> She likes being with people and is good fun.	a generous
2 <input type="checkbox"/> She always has to get everything she wants.	b optimistic
3 <input type="checkbox"/> He always gives fantastic presents.	c kind
4 <input type="checkbox"/> She cares about people and wants to make them happy.	d shy
5 <input type="checkbox"/> She wants to do really well in life.	e eccentric
6 <input type="checkbox"/> He only ever thinks of himself.	f rude
7 <input type="checkbox"/> She always looks on the bright side of things.	g sociable
8 <input type="checkbox"/> He hates meeting people and having to talk to them.	h spoilt
9 <input type="checkbox"/> She has some very strange ideas.	i ambitious
10 <input type="checkbox"/> He never does any work at all.	j lazy
11 <input type="checkbox"/> You never know how he's going to be, happy or sad.	k moody
12 <input type="checkbox"/> He always says things to upset and annoy people.	l selfish

Task 2. Match these adjectives with their opposites in Task 1.

- 1 mean
- 2 hard-working
- 3 unselfish
- 4 cheerful
- 5 confident
- 6 unsociable
- 7 polite
- 8 unkind
- 9 pessimistic
- 10 unambitious

Task 3. Complete the sentences with an adjective from Task 2.

- 1 The Japanese have a reputation for being polite .
- 2 He's so _____ - he never buys anyone a drink.
- 3 I'm afraid I'm pretty _____ - I hate going to parties and making small talk.
- 4 She always thinks the worst is going to happen. She's very _____ .
- 5 He's so _____. He's always the first to arrive in the office and the last to leave.
- 6 She's totally _____. There's nothing in life she wants to do, and nowhere she wants to go.
- 7 Jane's always happy and smiling. She's a _____ person.
- 8 Parents have to be _____. Their children have to come first.
- 9 Henry's so sure about himself and what he can do. He's very _____ .
- 10 We have to invite Paula. It would be so _____ to invite her husband and not her.

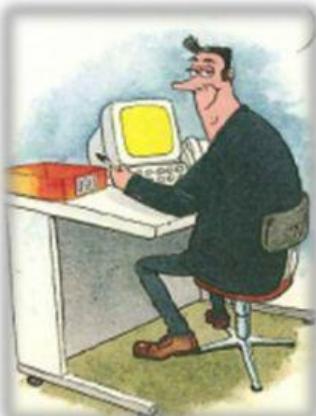
Reading “Guessing the missing words”

Task 4. Read the text about three kinds of “perfect” people and choose the correct heading for each description. Then try to guess the missing words. The first letter of each word is given. However, you should write the whole word in the box.

Are you a perfectionist?

**If so, it might be time to take things a little bit easier,
for your own good – and everyone else's!**

We live in an imperfect world, yet we are constantly given the message that everything should be **p** : our homes, our gardens, our children and ourselves. ‘This obsession with perfection,’ says Pauline Yardley from the Association of Stress Management, ‘is one of the main **c** of stress and depression nowadays – nobody ever thinks they are good **e** .’ But is doing things perfectly a positive thing? Some experts are not so sure. Consider these three examples of ‘perfection’:

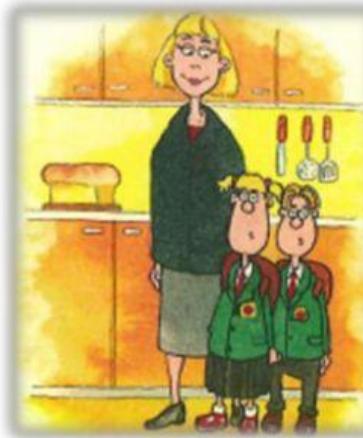


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They are always smartly dressed, completely reliable and efficient, and **n** moody or stressed. They are intelligent, well educated, and express themselves clearly at all times. All the work which leaves their desk is 100% perfect. So what could be **b** ? Well, according to Sir John Harvey-Jones, a management specialist, this kind of worker can be bad news for a company. He says, ‘Business is always a **r** against the competition and speed is everything. Perfectionists take longer over their work and can delay things too much. If workers are obsessed with doing their work perfectly, they may never **f** it in time.

2

They keep their **h** in perfect order, think about everything their partner might want and make an enormous effort to keep themselves fit and fashionable. They are always busy and are admired by everyone **w** knows them. But, according to Pauline Yardley, the reality is that their partner is probably wishing they lived with **s** who was more relaxed and would let them put their feet up on the **s** in the evening.



3

It's hard to stop them early in the morning as they rush out of the beautifully clean **k** where they have been baking bread, to take the children to school and then go off to do a part-time **j**. They don't look stressed, in fact they smile more than most people do. Their car has always just been washed and they **b** to the school Parent Teacher Association. But, according to Tim Khan, who works for a parent support group called Parent Network, they aren't the ideal **m** they think they are. 'Perfection has no place in parenting,' he says. 'It puts too **m** pressure on you and your family, and makes you irritable and resentful. It also means you start sacrificing **y** for your children – which isn't a good idea. It's important for parents to relax and make an effort to appreciate what their children can do, and not expect them to do **m**.'