

Adjectives to Describe Character Traits

1. Match an adjective in the box with a description. There are four extra adjectives.

punctual ambitious impulsive persuasive reliable patient
caring flexible decisive industrious sociable optimistic
careful organized reserved imaginative honest

- a. Sandra is always on time. _____
- b. Robert is good at making decisions. _____
- c. Gabriel always does what he says he will do. _____
- d. David doesn't mind waiting. _____
- e. Mathilde finds it easy to talk to other people. _____
- f. Lacey never tells lies. _____
- g. Bob is determined to be successful, rich, and powerful. _____
- h. Renée knows exactly where everything is. _____
- i. Jared is willing to do something that involves hard work and effort. _____
- j. Tricia changes her mind on a whim. You never know what she wants. _____
- k. Brenda is kind and helpful, and she is really mindful of other people. _____
- l. Eva always has a positive outlook on life; she is always upbeat. _____
- m. Peter easily adapts to new and changing situations. _____

2. Draw a line and match the adjectives on the left with their opposites on the right.

Cautious	Careful
Hard-working	Gloomy
Careless	Untidy
Nervous	Adventurous
Excitable	Knowledgeable
Orderly	Flexible
Cheerful	Composed
Ignorant	Lazy
Quiet	Conceited
Punctual	Late
Modest	Talkative
Rigid	Liberal
Conservative	Calm

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3. Make these adjectives opposite by adding the correct prefix.

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___ friendly	___ possible
___ capable	___ active
___ ambitious	___ cooperative
___ contented	___ inquisitive
___ flexible	___ fair
___ sensitive	___ imaginative
___ organized	___ perceptive
___ intelligent	___ honest
___ polite	___ orderly

4. Turn these adjectives into nouns. Write the complete word.

ADJECTIVE		NOUN		ADJECTIVE		NOUN
dedicated	=			motivated	=	
ambitious	=			enthusiastic	=	
dependable	=			creative	=	
punctual	=			flexible	=	
confident	=			competitive	=	
agreeable	=			available	=	
patient	=			organized	=	
efficient	=			successful	=	
impressive	=			reliable	=	
able	=			supportive	=	

5. Use the correct form of the words in exercise 5 to complete the following sentences.

- It is important for me to have some _____ in my working hours.
- My company shows its _____ to its employees by putting their needs before those of the customer.
- I am very _____ in my ability to perform this task correctly and efficiently.

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- d.** After many hours of negotiation we finally reached an _____.
- e.** Maria is a very _____ worker. She can't wait to get to work in the morning.
- f.** I'm not a very _____ person – I always want everything done now!
- g.** Rick keeps his personal schedule clear and is always _____ to work overtime.
- h.** The way that this company is _____ I'm surprised that anyone knows who their boss is.
- i.** This candidate has quite the _____ resume. Just look at all of these qualifications and this experience.
- j.** Reliability or _____ is the best trait that any employee can have.
- k.** If you are too _____ you could hurt your relationship with your family because you never spend time with them.
- l.** An artist and a writer need a high level of _____ to be successful in their field.
- m.** I like working for a manager that is _____ of her team members.
- n.** Kevin is never late. I wish that all of our employees were as _____ as he is.
- o.** My secretary is very _____. He gets his work done quickly and expertly.

