

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.

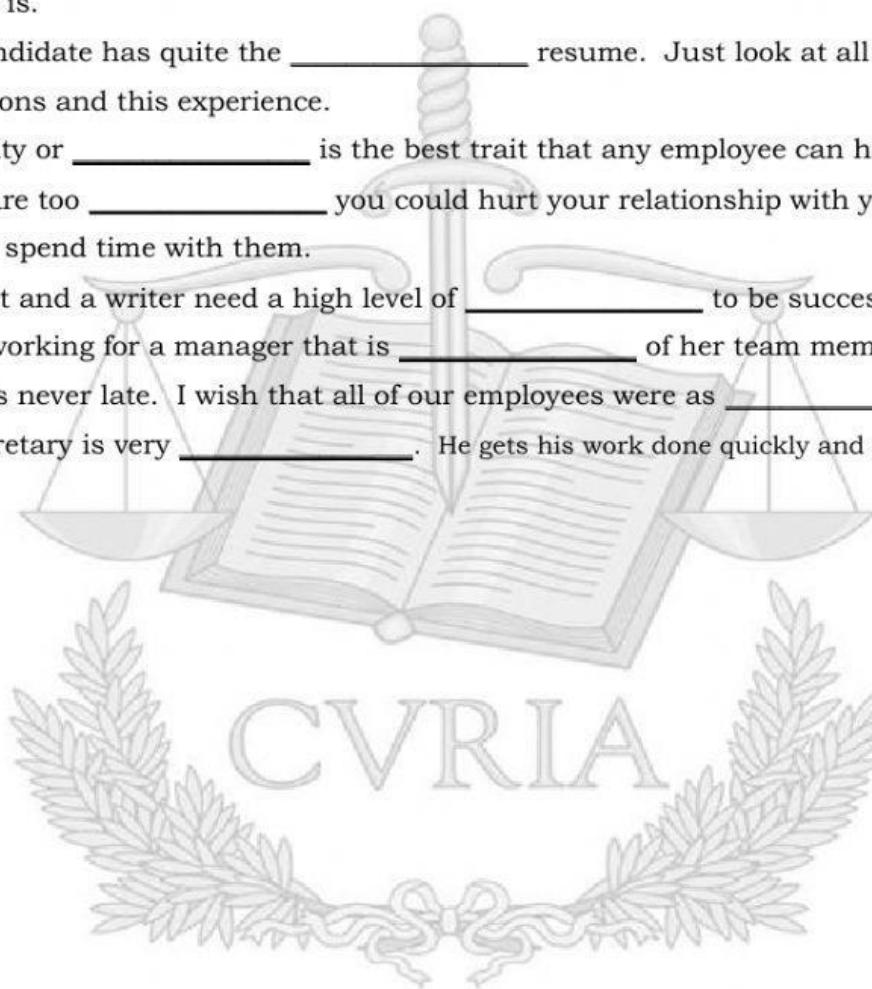
k. If you are too _____ you could hurt your relationship with your family because you never spend time with them.

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.



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