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TRAITS



Read the information below. Then answer the questions that follow.

Traits are the physical characteristics or qualities (mental, emotional and social) that make a person special.

Traits can be **inherited** and **acquired**. **Inherited** traits are passed on to individuals from their parents e.g. the ability to play a musical instrument, being great in sports, being good in a foreign language, etc.

Acquired traits are characteristics that people develop as a result of life experiences and engaging in activities over time. One might become a skilled player because they acquired an interest in the activity and practiced until they perfected it.

Individual interests, skills and talents make a person **unique** or different from others.

Tell which type of trait is being described below; **inherited** or **acquired**.

1. Traits we inherit from our parents? _____
2. Traits we get from life experiences? _____
3. Having our mom's skin color. _____
4. Having our dad's cooking skills. _____
5. Joining the chess club and winning championship. _____
6. Being short or tall. _____
7. Practicing basketball every day and making the team. _____
8. Having dimples in your cheeks. _____