

Listening

Solutions Pre-Intermediate 2nd Ed. WB, track 2.

Listen to four people describing family members. Match two adjectives with each person. There are two extra adjectives.

Funny generous hard-working honest modest nasty patient rude shy
talkative

Terry's uncle		
Julie's mum		
Martin's sister		
Emma's sister		

Vocabulary

1. Read the text and complete the words.

Hi! I'm Dana. I'm sixteen, and I'm from California. I'm very 1 t_____ve. In fact, my sister says I'm never quiet! I don't like waiting – I'm 2 im_____ – but I'm never rude or 3 na__y!
I'm quite sporty, and I enjoy playing 4 b_____ll. I like doing aerobics too. In fact, next week I'm taking part in a 5 c.....on.
I like music and I love films. I play the violin – I like 6 c_____al music a lot. My favourite films are comedies. They can be predictable, but they're so 7 e____t____ing. I don't like films like war films or westerns.

2. Complete the sentences, Use the negative form of the words below.

sensitive active tolerant honest mature grateful

1. Joey is very _____. He lies to everyone.
2. She's very _____ and behaves like a child sometimes.
3. Jane is _____. She doesn't think about anyone's feelings.
4. Ollie is _____. He doesn't listen to other people and thinks he's always right.
5. I helped Frank with his project, but he didn't say thank you. He's so _____.
6. In the daytime, night birds like owls are _____.

Writing

You are spending the summer in the UK to learn English and you want to make new friends in your language school. Write a message to put on the school bulletin board.

- Introduce yourself.
- Describe your personality and say what your hobbies are.
- Say what kind of people you want to meet.
- Tell people how they can contact you.

- 1 1.08 **VOCABULARY** Listen and match the music extracts with six of the musical styles below.

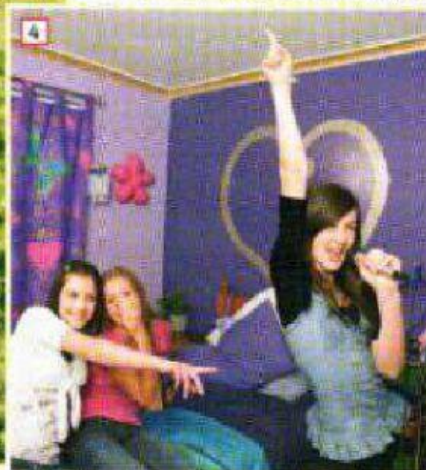
blues classical country and western
heavy metal indie jazz pop R&B rap
reggae rock 'n' roll soul

- 2 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos. What kind of music do you think these people listen to? What type of personality do you think they have? Use the adjectives below to help you.

arrogant confident friendly funny generous
hard-working impatient lazy modest polite
quiet rude serious shy talkative unfriendly

I think the person in photo 1 listens
to ... I think he's probably ...

- 3 1.09 Read the article. Compare the results of the research with your ideas from exercise 2.



WHAT DOES YOUR MUSICAL TASTE SAY ABOUT YOU?

A ☐ We often have stereotypical images of rockers as **rebellious**, classical music fans as quiet and modest, and lovers of rap as talkative and **outgoing**. But is it really true that our musical tastes show our personality? According to recent research from a university in Edinburgh, it is.

B ☐ Professor North, who did the research, says that people often express their identity through the kind of music they listen to, the kind of clothes they wear and their hobbies and interests. So it isn't surprising that people's taste in music says something about their personality.

C ☐ The researchers interviewed more than 36,000 people from around the world, asked them about their musical tastes and gave them personality tests. But did the research show that our stereotypical images are right? Here are some of the results:

- Lovers of indie music aren't very confident, **gentle** or hard-working, but they are very **creative**.
- Country and western fans are hard-working and not shy.
- Rap fans are outgoing and confident.
- Fans of pop songs aren't creative, but are hard-working, gentle and outgoing.
- The best fan to be is a soul fan, because they are creative, confident, outgoing and gentle!

D ☐ Perhaps the most surprising result was that classical music fans and heavy metal fans have very similar personalities. People think of heavy metal fans as being very sad and unhappy. But like classical fans, they are in fact **easy-going** and creative, and not very outgoing.

E ☐ Professor North says that the results explain why so many people are good friends with people who like the same music. Heavy metal fans in Sweden have more in common with heavy metal fans in Brazil than with, say, Swedish fans of pop.

F ☐ The results also explain why some of us are so **passionate** about what we listen to, since music is likely to be closely linked to our personality. However, the research doesn't say what people who listen to lots of different types of music are like. Perhaps they are perfectly balanced! So, what does your music say about you?

4 Match paragraphs A–F in the article with sentences 1–7.
There is one sentence that you do not need.

- 1 The research described the personalities of groups of music fans.
- 2 One result from the research was very unexpected.
- 3 Are our traditional images of music fans true?
- 4 We like to make friends with people who enjoy the same music as us.
- 5 Music can change your personality in many ways.
- 6 There are lots of different things that show our personality.
- 7 We have very strong feelings about the kind of music we like and don't like.

5 **VOCABULARY** Match the highlighted adjectives in the text with the definitions below.

- 1 has a good imagination and can make new things
- 2 very friendly and interested in other people
- 3 calm and relaxed; not easily worried
- 4 not doing what your parents, teachers, etc. want you to do
- 5 having very strong feelings
- 6 kind and calm