

Character and personality

Task 1. ADJECTIVES

Match the sentences in the left-hand column with those in the right-hand column. Use the adjectives in bold to help you.

1. I wish John wouldn't be so critical all the time.	A. I know! He spoke non-stop for two hours on the telephone last night!
2. Mary is so witty .	B. She made some really nasty remarks about the new secretary.
3. Chris is such a garrulous person.	C. He hates it when I go out with my friends.
4. Sometimes Rick can be really impulsive .	D. You can never make her change her mind.
5. Laurence is the most conceited person I know.	E. You always believe that only bad things will happen.
6. Mr Kelly is very absent-minded .	F. He loves going to parties.
7. Jan is so obstinate .	G. After all, nobody's perfect.
8. Mr. Roberts is extremely reserved .	H. It's very easy to upset her.
9. You're not very punctual , are you?	I. You're almost never on time.
10. Has anyone ever told you how bossy you are?	J. She always makes good decisions and does the right thing.
11. You're so pessimistic !	K. That's true. She made a very clever and funny speech at her party.
12. Jenny is optimistic about the future.	L. Her strong and unreasonable ideas have really upset some people.
13. Brian is usually quite reliable .	M. She's always willing to listen to other people's ideas.
14. Claire is very sensitive .	N. He often rushes to do things without thinking of the consequences.
15. June is the most sensible student in the class.	O. Yesterday he went to the library in his slippers!
16. My boyfriend is so possessive .	P. He thinks too much of himself.
17. My mother is quite open-minded .	Q. I trust him completely.
18. Jean should try not to be so bigoted .	R. She feels that everything will work out for the best.
19. At times, Fiona can be really bitchy .	S. You're always telling people what to do.
20. Mark is extremely sociable .	

Task 2. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS

Look at the following list of words and expressions, and decide whether they are positive (+) or negative (-). Use your dictionary to check the meanings.

1. a fuddy-duddy + / -	9. a brick + / -	17. a sponger + / -
2. a pain in the neck + / -	10. a golden boy + / -	18. a bimbo + / -
3. a gossip + / -	11. a high-flyer + / -	19. a jerk + / -
4. a troublemaker + / -	12. a windbag + / -	20. a moron + / -
5. a slob + / -	13. a busybody + / -	21. a stick-in-the-mud + / -
6. a layabout + / -	14. the salt of the earth + / -	22. the life and soul of the party + / -
7. a wet blanket + / -	15. a slave driver + / -	
8. a couch potato + / -	16. an early bird + / -	

Physical appearance

Task 2.

There are lots of English idiomatic and colloquial expressions which use parts of the body. Complete the expressions in bold below with a word from the box. Some of the words can be used more than once.

fingers • nose • toe • muscle • chest • neck • elbow
ear • chin • foot • eye • hand • back • thumb • shoulder

1. He gave me a _____ with the washing-up.
2. They had been going out together for some time, and then she suddenly gave him the _____.
3. Don't worry. I wasn't being serious. I was only pulling your _____.
4. I hoped she would give me a friendly welcome, but in fact she gave me the cold _____.
5. Poor old Peter is dominated by his wife! She's got him under her _____.
6. Can you keep an _____ out for the traffic warden while I go into the bank?
7. He's always annoying me! He's such a pain in the _____.
8. He really put his _____ in it when he said his boss's wife was too fat: she was standing right behind him!
9. She thinks she's better than other people and always looks down her _____ at them.
10. Make sure you follow what is happening. Keep your _____ to the ground.
11. Good luck in the exam. I'll be keeping my _____ crossed for you.
12. I know things are going badly, but keep your _____ up and try to remain cheerful.
13. We get on well, even though we don't always see _____ to _____.
14. You must obey the rules. You have to _____ the line.
15. If something is worrying you, talk to me about it. You'll feel much better if you get it off your _____.
16. He makes me so angry. He always manages to get my _____ up.
17. He interferes all the time. He's always trying to _____ in on our projects and get all the credit for them.
18. Mind your own business! Stop sticking your _____ in!