

I can talk about character

How I see myself

Dan (33) 'I'm **ambitious**, **self-confident**, and **generous**. I'm also very **impatient**.'

Kaz (18) 'I'm always **cheerful**. I'm **easy-going**, and I've got lots of **energy**.'

Giles (45) 'I see myself as **honest**, **hard-working**, and generally **tolerant**.'



How others see me

'Some people really like me; others think I'm **arrogant** and maybe **aggressive**.'

'My parents don't think I'm very **responsible**; my friends just think I'm **crazy**.'

'Other people probably think I'm a bit **dull**, without much **sense of humour**.'

spotlight *crazy, mad, stupid*

Crazy and **mad** mean 'not sensible or practical; a bit stupid'.

Both words can describe a person or an action or idea, but the meaning is not always negative. They can describe someone who is a bit out of control but just wants to enjoy life. **Stupid** is always negative.

Glossary

see sb as sth

ambitious

self-confident

generous

impatient

arrogant

aggressive

cheerful

easy-going

energy

responsible

honest

hard-working

tolerant

dull

sense of humour

- imagine or think of sb in a particular way.
- having a strong desire to do well or be successful. **OPP** **unambitious**. **ambition** N.
- feeling sure about your own ability. **OPP** **insecure**.
- happy to give more money and help than is usual. **OPP** **mean**. **generosity** N.
- not able to stay calm and wait for sth/sb. **OPP** **patient**. **patience** N.
- thinking you are better than other people. **OPP** **modest**. **arrogance** N.
- likely to fight or argue. **aggression** N.
- feeling happy.
- relaxed and not worried by what other people do.
- the ability to be very active without getting tired. **energetic** ADJ.
- able to act sensibly and intelligently. **OPP** **irresponsible**.
- always telling the truth. **OPP** **dishonest**. **honesty** N.
- able to work with effort and for a long time. **OPP** **lazy**.
- able to accept ideas you don't agree with. **OPP** **intolerant**. **tolerance** N.
- boring.
- the ability to laugh at things and see when sth is funny.

1 Positive or negative, or can it be both? Write P or N or B.

► She's very cheerful. P

1 He's very arrogant. _____

2 They're a bit dull. _____

3 Both boys are very honest. _____

4 My boss is very tolerant. _____

► He's very ambitious. B

5 She's so modest. _____

6 He's very self-confident. _____

7 Karen is so mean. _____

8 My brother is absolutely mad. _____

2 Correct the spelling mistakes.

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ▶ onest <u>honest</u> | 3 generos <u>generous</u> | 6 agressive <u>aggressive</u> |
| 1 energie <u>energy</u> | 4 cheerfull <u>cheerful</u> | 7 patiente <u>patient</u> |
| 2 responsible <u>responsible</u> | 5 energetik <u>energetic</u> | 8 tolarant <u>tolerant</u> |

3 Match 1–8 with a–i.

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| ▶ feeling sure about your own ability <u>c</u> | a aggressive |
| 1 boring <u>d</u> | b cheerful |
| 2 likely to fight or argue <u>a</u> | c self-confident ✓ |
| 3 thinking you are better than others <u>i</u> | d tolerant |
| 4 always telling the truth <u>h</u> | e sense of humour |
| 5 ability to laugh at things <u>b</u> | f dull |
| 6 feeling happy <u>e</u> | g arrogant |
| 7 unhappy to give money or help people <u>f</u> | h honest |
| 8 able to accept ideas you don't agree with <u>d</u> | i mean |

4 Complete the tables.

ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE	ADJECTIVE	NOUN
▶ patient	<u>impatient</u>	ambitious	<u>ambition</u>
honest	<u>dishonest</u>	honest	<u>honesty</u>
responsible	<u>irresponsible</u>	tolerant	<u>tolerance</u>
lazy	<u>hard-working</u>	aggressive	<u>aggression</u>
generous	<u>stingy</u>	arrogant	<u>arrogance</u>
ambitious	<u>unambitious</u>	generous	<u>generosity</u>
self-confident	<u>self-doubting</u>	patient	<u>patience</u>

5 Complete the words in each sentence.

- ▶ If you disagree with Matthew, he can get a bit aggressive.
- My brother's a bit irresponsible and does some crazy things; but he's OK.
 - Keiko's a good person to share a flat with: she's very easygoing.
 - I like Zoltan; he's got a great sense of humour.
 - Hamdi is a fantastic musician, but very few people realize this because he's so mean.
 - Since Katy got a new job and a boyfriend, she's become more self-confident.
 - My brother's lazy, but my sisters have always been very honest-working.
 - I don't think young Andy is responsible enough to drive a car.
 - Andrea has so much energy; she's always doing something.

6 ABOUT YOU Answer the questions, or ask another student.

- Are you ambitious? If so, in what way? I am ambitious because I want to be a doctor.
- Would you say you're hard-working or a bit lazy? I am hard-working.
- Are you intolerant of anything? If so, what? I am intolerant of people who are rude.
- When do you get impatient? I get impatient when I am waiting for someone.
- How do you see yourself? Write three adjectives. I am honest, hard-working, and self-confident.
- Which two qualities do you think are the most important: honesty, patience, tolerance, or generosity? Honesty and tolerance.