DESCRIBING PEOPLE

Adjectives and nouns describing personality

1 Insert a suitable adjective.

OPTIMISTIC, SOCIABLE, SENSITIVE, GENEROUS, CARELESS, AMBITIOUS, IMPATIENT, MESSY, SHY, TALKATIVE, SECRETIVE/RESERVED, MOODY, LAZY, HARDWORKING, HAPPY/CHEERFUL

1 I hate being _____, but I just can't clean my room every day.
2 The opposite of pessimistic is _____.
3 Mary is a very _____ person. She talks and talks if you are willing to listen to her.
4 People who are _____ enough, get a high position at their work places.
5 I become very _____ if I have to wait in a queue.
6 She's so _____ that she always blushes when she has to talk to someone.
7 I could say I'm quite _____ I don't like expressing my feelings or ideas to other people.
8 I never get a good mark at school. I'm too _____ to learn hard.
9 Some _____ people contributed a large sum of money for our school party.
10 My sister is often _____. You never know when she has a good or bad day.
11 He doesn't care much about his work or career. He even pays no attention to his personal life. He's far too _____ for that.
12 Humans are _____ living beings. They aren't used to living alone.
13 Jim is really _____. He never goes on holiday. He even works on Sundays.
14 My Mum isn't a very _____ person. She hardly ever smiles.
15 Is she _____? I don't think so. She never notices other people's feelings.

2 Make nouns from the adjectives using the suffixes: –N, –ISM, – NESS and - ITY.

ADJECTIVES		NOUNS	
1 shy	_____	6 pessimistic	_____
2 optimistic	_____	7 generous	_____
3 reliable	_____	8 tidy	_____
4 ambitious	_____	9 moody	_____
5 lazy	_____	10 sensitive	_____

3 Complete the sentences using words from exercise 3. (Uporabi besede iz naloge 2)

1 Karen's really _____. You never know if she's going to be cheerful or bad-tempered.
2 My best friend suffered from terrible _____ at school. She went red every time somebody spoke to her.
3 I', surprised she was late for the meeting. She's normally so _____.
4 He doesn't show much _____. I think he's more interested in having a good time than getting a better job.
5 I tried to apologize to Anna after the argument, but I'm not _____ that we'll ever be best friends again.
6 Look at the fabulous present Hiro gave me. I can't believe his _____!
7 Are you sure you want to share a flat with Nicole? You're so messy, but she's famous for her _____.
8 Get up off that sofa and help me with the preparations for your party! Your _____ is really beginning to annoy me.