

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

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| 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.