

1.

Match the personality adjectives (1–12) with their opposites (a–l). You can use your dictionary to help you.

1 tolerant	a hot-headed
2 generous	b insecure
3 considerate	c narrow-minded
4 self-confident	d tight-fisted
5 outgoing	e thoughtless
6 level-headed	f reserved
7 courteous	g cheerful
8 big-headed	h unreliable
9 grumpy	i ill-mannered
10 dependable	j sophisticated
11 naive	k modest
12 argumentative	l compliant

2.

Choose the correct word.

- 1 Nigel's unbearably *conceited* / *conscientious*. He has an absurdly high opinion of himself.
- 2 Michelle will believe anything you tell her. She's terribly *gullible* / *vain*.
- 3 Graham's very *self-conscious* / *self-centred*. He's always worried about making a fool of himself and about what people think.
- 4 Mr Jones is an *unscrupulous* / *impartial* judge. You can rely on his fairness.
- 5 Martha's very *absent-minded* / *narrow-minded*. She forgets appointments and loses things all the time.

3.

Complete the sentences with adjectives from the list .

- 1 My brother is so \_\_\_\_\_ ! He screams like a baby if he loses at a game.
- 2 My aunt is very \_\_\_\_\_ . If a conversation isn't about her, she isn't interested.
- 3 You're so \_\_\_\_\_ ! If I give an opinion, you always disagree with it!
- 4 I suppose I'm quite \_\_\_\_\_ . If I don't want to go out, it's impossible to persuade me!
- 5 My best friend is very \_\_\_\_\_ . If her parents have to work late, she looks after her little brothers.

**Personality traits** ambitious argumentative assertive  
calm considerate conventional creative dedicated  
eccentric immature organised outgoing responsible  
selfish sensible serious sociable stubborn  
unconventional

4.

Match descriptions 1–7 with adjectives a–g.

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| 1 Emily's appearance is very important to her. <input type="checkbox"/>                      | a considerate   |
| 2 Joe always seems to make very good decisions. <input type="checkbox"/>                     | b bad-mannered  |
| 3 Sarah always puts other people's needs and wishes before her own. <input type="checkbox"/> | c shrewd        |
| 4 Andy thinks about other people's feelings. <input type="checkbox"/>                        | d easy-going    |
| 5 James is friendly and relaxed, and good company. <input type="checkbox"/>                  | e vain          |
| 6 Christina doesn't care what other people think about her. <input type="checkbox"/>         | f thick-skinned |
| 7 Anna is really rude – she never says 'please'. <input type="checkbox"/>                    | g selfless      |

5.

Write the correct personality traits.

This person ....

- 1 is practical and makes good judgements based on experience and reason. sensible
- 2 expresses his/her opinions strongly and with confidence.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 refuses to change his/her opinion or attitude.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 is careful not to hurt or upset others. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 doesn't easily get excited, nervous or upset.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 has the ability and skill to produce and think of new things, especially in the arts. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 is considered to be strange or unusual. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 behaves younger than his/her age. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 cares only about him/herself, not about other people.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 likes spending time with other people. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 likes disagreeing with people. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 always does what is considered normal and acceptable by most people. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 is the opposite of the person in 12. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 plans their work and life carefully and thoroughly.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 15 tries to behave sensibly and doesn't laugh much.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 16 wants to be successful and rich. \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 is reliable and trustworthy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 is energetic and friendly towards other people.  
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