

11 Describing character

A What are you like?

Describe your character¹

Choose the number that describes you. For example, in the first line
1 = very positive, 3 = not very positive or negative, 5 = very negative.

1 2 3 4 5

I think I'm very **positive**². I'm quite a **negative** person.

I'm usually **reliable**³. I'm quite **unreliable**.

I'm quite **confident**⁴. I'm quite **shy**⁵.

I'm **hard-working**⁶. I'm quite **lazy**.

I have a good **sense of humour**⁷. I'm usually quite **serious**⁸.

I'm usually quite **patient**⁹. I'm quite **impatient**.

1 2 3 4 5



¹ what you are like as a person

² believe that good things will happen

³ can be trusted to do what people expect you to do

⁴ feeling sure about yourself and your abilities

⁵ not confident, especially about meeting or talking to new people

⁶ putting a lot of effort into your work and spending a lot of time on it

⁷ the ability to laugh and understand when something is funny

⁸ a serious person is quiet and doesn't laugh very much

⁹ able to stay calm and not get angry, especially when things take a lot of time

Common mistakes

A: What's he like? (NOT How is he like?)

B: He's very **nice**. (NOT He's **like** very nice.)

B Opposites

positive	negative
generous [happy to give more money or help than is usual]	mean
honest [an honest person tells the truth]	dishonest
clever, intelligent [able to learn and understand things quickly]	stupid
calm [relaxed and not worried or frightened]	nervous, anxious

Language help

We use **kind** to describe someone who wants to help people a lot, and **nice, friendly** or **pleasant** for someone who is happy to talk to people. The opposites are **unkind, unfriendly** and **unpleasant**.

C Describing a friend

“The first thing I would say about my best friend is that she's very **sensible**¹. I've never known Emilia to do anything **silly**², and I know I can always **trust**³ her. She's also very **creative**⁴; she makes things, and she's a very **talented**⁵ artist. I **wish**⁶ I had her **talent**.⁷”

¹ practical; doesn't do stupid things

⁵ has a natural ability

² not sensible, a bit stupid

⁶ I would like to have her

³ be sure that she is honest

⁷ talent but I haven't got it

⁴ good at thinking of new ideas
and using her imagination

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