

VOCABULARY

Describing people



- 1 Match the adjectives in the colour wheel with the definitions. Then listen, check and repeat.

Someone who ...

- 1 is relaxed and doesn't worry. calm
- 2 helps other people. _____
- 3 is happy. _____
- 4 feels they can do something well. _____
- 5 makes good decisions. _____
- 6 understands how other people feel. _____
- 7 wants to be successful. _____
- 8 is naturally good at something. _____
- 9 likes being with other people. _____
- 10 does a lot of exercise. _____
- 11 doesn't get angry when things take a long time. _____
- 12 makes you feel you want to do something. _____



- 2 Look at the adjectives for your favourite colour. Do they describe you? Why / Why not?



- 3 Listen and write an adjective from Exercise 1 to describe each person.

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| 1 _____ | 3 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 4 _____ | 6 _____ |



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Opposites

When you learn a new adjective, write the opposite.

- 4 Match the words from Exercise 1 with their opposites.

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 anxious | <u>calm</u> | 7 silly | _____ |
| 2 grumpy | _____ | 8 unambitious | _____ |
| 3 impatient | _____ | 9 unhelpful | _____ |
| 4 insensitive | _____ | 10 uninspiring | _____ |
| 5 lazy | _____ | 11 unsociable | _____ |
| 6 shy | _____ | 12 untalented | _____ |



- 5 Test a partner. Say a word. What's the opposite?



Use it!

- 6 Write three adjectives to describe you and say why. Then write three adjectives to describe your partner.

sociable: I'm sociable because I love making friends and being with people.

- 7 Tell your partner your answers from Exercise 6. Do they agree? Did you both choose the same adjectives?

Explore it!



Guess the correct answer.

Some people in Japan believe your ... influences your personality.

a blood type b height c shoe size

Find another interesting fact about what can influence your personality. Then write a question for your partner to answer.



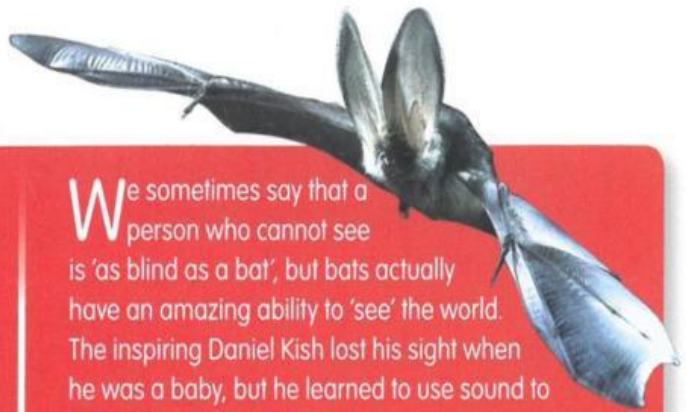
READING

An article



The man who taught himself to see

We sometimes say that a person who cannot see is 'as blind as a bat', but bats actually have an amazing ability to 'see' the world. The inspiring Daniel Kish lost his sight when he was a baby, but he learned to use sound to become more independent.



When he was growing up, his friends all rode bikes to school. Daniel wanted to be active like his friends, so he decided to teach himself to cycle by riding next to a wall. Soon he was cycling to school.

One day, a clever friend was watching Daniel on his bike when he realised something incredible: Daniel was using his ears to 'see' objects around him. As Daniel cycled, he was making clicking sounds with his tongue. Bats make similar sounds, and the sound

waves travel through the air until they hit something. The bats then listen to the sound waves as they bounce off the object and return to them with information. Using this technique, called echolocation, Daniel knows the size, position and shape of an object so he can 'see' it in his head.

Daniel believes anyone can train their brain to learn echolocation. While he was studying at university, he planned an echolocation training programme. Now, he travels around

the world giving talks and teaching the technique to other blind people. He inspires them to use echolocation so they can enjoy activities such as mountain biking, climbing, camping and cooking, just like he does.



- 1 Tick (✓) the things in the box you think the blind man in the article uses to 'see'. Read and check.

brain	☐	hands	☐	sticks	☐
dogs	☐	nose	☐	tongue	☐
ears	☐	sounds	☐		

- 2 Answer the questions.

- Why is the phrase 'as blind as a bat' strange?

- What can Daniel find out using sounds?

- What does Daniel do now?

- What does Daniel do in his free time?

- 3 Complete the table with words from the article.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
¹ <u>believe</u>	belief	believable
² _____	inspiration	inspiring
activate	³ _____	active
see	⁴ _____	sighted
	independence	⁵ _____
amaze	amazement	⁶ _____

- 4 Write sentences about Daniel with words from Exercise 3 in your notebook. Work in pairs. Compare your sentences.



- 5 Discuss the questions.

- Do you think Daniel Kish is inspiring? Why / Why not?
- Do you know any inspiring people? Why are they inspiring?