

15 Personality

A What's he/she like?

Word	Example	Meaning
friendly	<i>The students in my class are all really friendly. It's great.</i>	happy to meet and talk to other people OPP unfriendly
kind	<i>He visited me in hospital, which was really kind.</i>	friendly and good to other people
nice	<i>I met Charlie on holiday, and he's a really nice guy.</i>	kind and friendly (a very common word in spoken English)
fun	<i>I love Caitlin; she's great fun.</i>	sb or sth that makes you happy Good/great fun is common.
funny	<i>Josh makes me laugh – he's a really funny man.</i>	making you laugh
relaxed	<i>I felt very relaxed after my holiday.</i>	calm and not worried
clever	<i>Tom is really clever – the best student in our class.</i>	quick at learning and understanding things SYN intelligent OPP stupid
patient	<i>My boyfriend is often late, but I'm very patient.</i>	able to stay calm and not get angry when you are waiting
strange	<i>He's a strange man – I never know what he's thinking.</i>	unusual or surprising



SPOTLIGHT What's he/she/it like?

We use this question to find out more about somebody/something.

- **What's Jack like?** ~ He's very nice. (NOT He's like very nice.)
- **What was the teacher like?** ~ She was **good fun**.

1 Complete the words.

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2 Cover the table, then answer the questions.

What's ...

- a synonym for nice? friendly
- 1 the opposite of friendly? _____
- 2 a synonym for clever? _____
- 3 the opposite of clever? _____

What do you call someone who ...

- 4 is able to learn quickly? _____
- 5 makes you laugh? _____
- 6 is able to wait for things? _____
- 7 is calm and doesn't worry? _____

3 Complete the conversations.

- 1 What's Alex like? ~ Oh, he's very funny. We _____ a lot when we're together.
- 2 What are Ana's parents _____? ~ Well, her mother's great _____. I like her very much. But I never know what to say to her father – he's very _____.
- 3 _____ was your grandmother like? ~ She was very _____: she always helped everyone. And she was _____ too: she went to university.

4 ABOUT YOU Write the names of people you know who are:

kind _____	very friendly _____	patient with you _____
good fun _____	intelligent _____	strange _____



B We like each other



WHY WE LIKE each other

Gemma: I met Sophie at university. I was **on my own** in the café, and she came and talked to me. She's like that. What's interesting is that we're **completely different**. She has a very **active social life** and meets lots of new people. I'm very **quiet** and **serious**. But it didn't **matter**. We became friends and **shared a flat** for two years. I'm **tidy** and did most of the housework. Sophie's quite **lazy**, but she is a great cook and a **really** nice person.

GLOSSARY

each other	She likes me and I like her. = We like each other .
on my own	not with other people SYN alone
completely different	totally different; different in every way
active	busy and able to do a lot of things
social life	going out with friends
quiet	Somebody who is quiet doesn't say very much.
serious	A serious person thinks a lot and doesn't laugh much.
matter	be important; it doesn't matter = it's not important
share a flat	live in the same flat as another person
tidy	A tidy person likes everything to be in the right place. OPP untidy
lazy	A lazy person doesn't like working. OPP hard-working

SPOTLIGHT *really*

Really is important in spoken English. It means 'very', and you can use it before most adjectives.

■ *I'm in a really nice class.* ■ *She was really lazy.*

5 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sound the same or different? Write S or D.

Use the to help you. Practise saying the words.

- social / doesn't D
- 1 other / own
- 2 hardworking / doesn't

- 3 alone / social
- 4 completely / other
- 5 completely / serious

6 Read the text again. True or false? Write T or F.

- Sophie likes cooking. T
- 1 Gemma was alone when she met Sophie.
- 2 Gemma and Sophie are similar.
- 3 Gemma doesn't say very much.
- 4 They lived together at university.

- 5 Gemma is really lazy.
- 6 Sophie goes out a lot.
- 7 Gemma's untidy.
- 8 It was a problem that they were completely different.

7 Complete the sentences.

- I never put things away. I'm very untidy.
- 1 When we met, I was on my and wanted someone to talk to.
- 2 I've always had an active social : I go out most nights.

- 3 We wanted to a flat together.
- 4 Do you want me to help? ~ No, it doesn't
- 5 My sister and I are different.
- 6 We've always liked each

8 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

Questionnaire

What are you like?

- 1 Are you tidy or untidy?
- 2 Are you hard-working or a bit lazy?
- 3 Are you quiet?
- 4 Are you serious?
- 5 Do you have an active social life?
- 6 Do you like being on your own?



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