

PERSONALITY ADJECTIVES

How would you describe people?

TEST: Personality Adjectives (behaviour)

1) Match the synonyms.

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| 1. brave | ← A silly |
| 2. hospitable | → B sceptical |
| 3. untruthful | → C courageous |
| 4. inconsiderate | D reckless |
| 5. foolish | E eager |
| 6. mischievous | F welcoming |
| 7. cynical | G thoughtless |
| 8. altruistic | H deceitful |
| 9. careless | I unselfish |
| 10. keen | J naughty |

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2) Match the antonyms.

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| 1. mischievous | A quiet |
| 2. cunning | B affectionate |
| 3. heroic | ← C loyal |
| 4. pushy | → D timid |
| 5. short-sighted | E naive |
| 6. pretentious | F practical |
| 7. disloyal | G well-behaved |
| 8. clumsy | H modest |
| 9. spiteful | I far-sighted |
| 10. romantic | J graceful |

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3) Complete the sentences with the words in the box. One word you do not need.

pretentious / pushy / clumsy / romantic / careless / deceitful / courageous / eager / hospitable / practical

- Mark is _____ to improve his English. He's studying really hard.
- Mary tripped over the carpet and dropped her cup on the floor. She was _____.
- Sam is so _____. On Valentine's Day he bought his wife a lot of red roses.
- My cousin Jane is extremely _____. We get really well looked after at her house.
- Sam went back into the burning building to rescue his cat. He was _____.
- She's so _____. She left her cash card at the till of the supermarket yesterday.
- My parents are very _____. They insist that I apply to university, even though I don't want to.
- It was _____ of Jack to lie about how he spent money.
- Despite their wealth, they were always _____ about money.

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4) Underline the correct answer.

- I thought Karla was being so **pushy** / pretentious / clumsy in the restaurant – insisting on ordering everything in Italian. The waiter was from Leeds.
- It was totally **heroic** / deceitful / cowardly of him not to defend his friend when he was unfairly accused.
- Adam's behaviour was completely **eager** / altruistic / reckless. He took unnecessary risks.
- Ted's girlfriend is so **spiteful** / foolish / pretentious. She's always doing something to hurt him.
- It would be really **disloyal** / thoughtless / short-sighted of you to leave your job. You have to think of the long-term future.
- Jeremy is not a **heroic** / cunning / considerate enough liar to deceive his elder sister Ann.
- I'm sure Paul didn't mean to be rude. He can be **spiteful** / thoughtless / eager at times.
- I told you Frank would propose, but you're too **unselfish** / timid / cynical to believe in true love!
- Mrs. Sprint is very **graceful** / sceptical / foolish about the results of the survey.

5) Complete the sentences with synonyms of the words in brackets. Use the words from ex. 1 and 2.

1. There were always _____ (naughty) boys around.
2. My sister and brother have a competition every year to see who can think up the most _____ (tricky) April Fool's trick.
3. I've always thought he was _____ (untruthful). So I don't believe a word he says.
4. Jason is _____ (sceptical) about third-world charities – he says the money gets stolen.
5. I'm not surprised he's had a car crash. I think he's a _____ (careless) driver.
6. John is so _____ (unselfish). He's always helping other people without any thought for himself.
7. My boyfriend is _____ (keen) to get married but I feel I'm still too young to make a commitment.
8. To Sarah, Michael was very romantic and gorgeous, but much too _____ (bossy).
9. Stop being so _____ (ungraceful)! That's the third time you've knocked something over today.

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6) Read and write adjectives to describe each person's behaviour.

1. John: I got so angry with my mum last week – I can't remember why. I think she told me not to spend too much time on the computer. I was angry. So do you know what I did? When she went to work, I went outside and dug up all the roses in her flower bed. She loves them more than she loves her son, that's what I think sometimes. So I dug them up! She went crazy when she found out.

2. Mark: I was late for work and I had an important meeting first thing. I drove well over the speed limit and I even jumped a red light. Well, it was probably still amber – just. But I didn't think about the other road users or pedestrians. It wasn't very sensible at all.

3. James: Last year I had to fire five people at work. Business wasn't going well and to be honest, they weren't particularly good at their jobs. What I should have done is called them into my office and explained the situation. But I just sent them emails on Friday afternoon so that I wouldn't have to tell them face-to-face.

Total _____/50



4. Mrs. Smith: I wanted to make her feel at home. She was an exchange student from Peru on her first trip abroad and probably feeling quite homesick, as you often do at that age. So I cooked a nice meal for her, and sat down with her after dinner and I asked her about her family and her home time.

5. Ann: I had this ticket to go and see Adele performing live and I mentioned it to my cousin, Mary. It turned out she just loves Adele – she's her favourite singer. She tried to book a ticket for herself but they were sold out. So I gave her my ticket. Well, I do like Adele but I wouldn't say I'm her biggest fan. And Mary was really grateful, so that was nice.

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