

VOCABULARY

Describing Character

Exercise 1

Complete the table

Noun	Adjective
creativity	
flexibility	
	generous
honesty	
	idealistic
intelligence	
	loyal
maturity	
	modest
optimism	
pessimism	
	punctual
realism	
seriousness	
	shy
sociability	
	stubborn
	thoughtful

Exercise 2

Complete the phrases for describing personal qualities with the words below.

**common
initiative**

**communicating
lack**

**courage
sense**

**energy
skills**

- 1 have a good _____ of humour
- 2 have lots of / no _____ sense
- 3 have good organisational _____
- 4 _____ self-confidence
- 5 have physical _____
- 6 be good at _____
- 7 show lots of _____
- 8 have lots of _____

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences with adjectives and phrases from exercises 1 and 2.

- 1 Sue is very _____. She always thinks things will get worse.
- 2 Harry loves telling jokes. He has _____.
- 3 Try to be _____. It isn't good to be late.
- 4 She always tells the truth. She's very _____.
- 5 She's always telling everyone how clever she is. She isn't very _____.
- 6 He loves being with other people. He's the most _____ person I know!
- 7 She loves dangerous sports. She has great _____.
- 8 He always knows what to do. You don't need to tell him. He _____.

Exercise 4

Complete the sentences with adjective or noun form of the words in bold.

- 1 I don't expect any **sympathy** from my brother. He's never been very _____.
- 2 My friend Hannah is always **cheerful**. Her _____ puts everyone in a good mood.
- 3 I haven't really got any **ambitions**. I guess you could say I'm not very _____.
- 4 Some parents quickly lose _____ with their children. I think they need to be more **patient**.
- 5 If you want children to be **creative**, you have to encourage their _____.
- 6 Our art teacher shows great **enthusiasm** for our pictures. I don't know how he can be so _____.
- 7 My sister's **self-confidence** has grown since she was young. Now she's almost too _____.

Exercise 5

Choose the correct verbs.

- 1 To be a firefighter, you need *to be / have / lack* physical courage.
- 2 A career in politics is not for those who *be / lack / show* self-confidence.
- 3 A comedian needs to *be / have / lack* a good sense of humour in order to make people laugh.
- 4 It's important for a teacher to *be / have / show* good at communicating.
- 5 You need to *be / have / lack* lots of energy to work with small children.
- 6 You have to *be / lack / show* lots of initiative if you want to get a promotion.