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# I like working with people.

## 1 Choose the correct responses.

1. A: I enjoy working in sales.

B: \_\_\_\_\_

- Well, I can.
- Neither do I.
- So do I.

2. A: I like working the night shift.

B: \_\_\_\_\_

- Well, I don't.
- Neither do I.
- Neither am I.

3. A: I can't stand getting to work late.

B: \_\_\_\_\_

- I can't.
- Neither can I.
- Well, I do.

4. A: I'm interested in using my language skills.

B: \_\_\_\_\_

- So am I.
- Oh, I don't.
- Oh, I don't mind.

## 2 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. Use gerunds.

commute

learn languages

start her own business

use a laptop

work under pressure

work with a team

1. Elena enjoys being a journalist. She has to write a news story by 4:00 p.m. every day, but she doesn't mind working under pressure.
2. Takiko is a novelist. He writes all his books by hand because he hates \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Sarah usually works alone all day, but she enjoys \_\_\_\_\_, too.
4. Jennifer works for a large company, but she's interested in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Pablo has to use Portuguese and Japanese at work, but he's not very good at \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Annie has to drive to work every day, but she doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_.



### 3 Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.

1. I'm happy to answer the phone. (mind)  
I don't mind answering the phone.
2. I can't make decisions quickly. (not good at)  

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3. I hate making mistakes. (stand)  

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4. I don't enjoy working alone. (with a team)  

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## 4 Complete these sentences about yourself. Use gerunds.

Drag and drop the gerunds from the Answer Bank into the sentences where they fit best.

playing video games.

**dancing and making friends.**

**doing homework late at night.**

**reading books and traveling.**

**mind working in groups.**

**singing in public.**

### On the job or at school

## In my free time

4. I'm interested in \_\_\_\_\_

5. I'm not interested in \_\_\_\_\_

### At parties or in social situations

6. I'm good at \_\_\_\_\_

7. I'm not very good at \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 Choose the correct words.

1. Eric hates waiting in line. He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
(impatient / disorganized / punctual)
2. You can trust Marta. If she says she's going to do something, she'll do it.  
She's very \_\_\_\_\_.  
(hardworking / level-headed / reliable)
3. Kevin isn't good at remembering things. Last week, he missed another important business meeting. He's so \_\_\_\_\_.  
(efficient / forgetful / moody)

## 6 Job ads on the Internet

A Read these job listings. Match the job titles in the box with the listings below.

flight attendant  journalist  language teacher  stockbroker



1. Are you hardworking? Do you enjoy using computers? Do you like learning about world news? This job is for you. Must be good at working under pressure. Some evening and weekend work.
2. Must be well organized, energetic, able to make decisions quickly, and good with numbers. Applicants must be level-headed and able to take responsibility for handling other people's money. No weekend work, but some evening work required.
3. No previous experience necessary, but applicant must be willing to work long hours. Successful applicant will also be punctual and reliable. Excellent position for someone who enjoys traveling.
4. Have you studied a foreign language? You may be the right person for this position. Applicants should be comfortable speaking in front of a group and they should be able to communicate well with others.

B What key word in each job ad helped you find the answers in part A?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

C Match the first part of the sentence (the job) with the correct reason to complete the sentence.

Job	Reason
I'd be a good language teacher	because I like writing and telling stories.
I could be a journalist	because I love helping people learn new skills.
I'd be a good flight attendant	because I'm interested in business and finance.
I could be a stockbroker	because I'm friendly and I like traveling.

## 7

Read what these people say about themselves. Then look at the jobs in the box. Choose a job each person should do and a job each person should avoid. Write sentences using *because*.

<input type="checkbox"/> accountant	<input type="checkbox"/> detective	<input type="checkbox"/> lawyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nurse	<input type="checkbox"/> salesperson
<input type="checkbox"/> carpenter	<input type="checkbox"/> factory worker	<input type="checkbox"/> marine biologist	<input type="checkbox"/> model	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social worker



Alan

I enjoy helping people, but I can't stand working nights and weekends.

1. (make a good / could never) Alan would probably make a good social worker because he enjoys helping people. He could never be a nurse because he can't stand working nights and weekends.

I really like doing things with my hands. I also enjoy working with wood. I don't enjoy working in the same place every day, and I hate being in noisy places.

2. (could / couldn't) \_\_\_\_\_



Olivia



Margo

I'm really interested in meeting people, and I enjoy wearing different clothes every day. I'm not so good at organizing my time, and I don't like to argue.

3. (would make a good / would make a bad) \_\_\_\_\_



Ha-joon

I'm really good at selling things. I also love helping people. But I'm not so good at solving problems.

4. (could be / wouldn't make a good) \_\_\_\_\_



Eddie

I love the outdoors and I'm very interested in the sea. I don't like sitting in an office all day, and I'm not good with numbers.

5. (would make a good / wouldn't want to be) \_\_\_\_\_

## 8 Add a or an in the correct places.

1. Mike could never be a nurse or teacher because he is very short-tempered and impatient with people. On the other hand, he's efficient and reliable person. So he would make good bookkeeper or accountant.



2. Scott would make terrible lawyer or executive. He isn't good at making decisions. On the other hand, he'd make excellent actor or artist because he's very creative and funny.



## 9 Opposites

A Write the opposites. Use the words in the box.

<input type="checkbox"/> boring	<input type="checkbox"/> forgetful	<input type="checkbox"/> late	<input type="checkbox"/> outgoing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> disorganized	<input type="checkbox"/> impatient	<input type="checkbox"/> moody	<input type="checkbox"/> unfriendly

1. efficient / <u>disorganized</u>	5. level-headed / _____
2. friendly / _____	6. patient / _____
3. punctual / _____	7. quiet / _____
4. interesting / _____	8. reliable / _____

B Complete the sentences with the words in part A.

1. Mingyu is an \_\_\_\_\_ person. She really enjoys meeting new people.
2. Hannah is very \_\_\_\_\_. One day she's happy, and the next day she's sad.
3. I can't stand working with \_\_\_\_\_ people. I like having reliable co-workers.
4. Charles is an \_\_\_\_\_ person. I'm never bored when I talk to him.

## 10 Skills

A Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

critical  
 impatient

efficient  
 level-headed

forgetful  
 reliable  
 generous  
 strict

1. I always do my job well. My boss never has to worry because I'm reliable.
2. Ed would make a great nurse because he's so   . He never gets anxious or upset when things go wrong.
3. A good lawyer has to remember facts. Nathan is a terrible lawyer because he's very   .
4. My favorite teacher at school was Mrs. Wilson. She was pretty   , so no one misbehaved in her class.
5. My boss is very   . She gave me a big holiday bonus.
6. June's assistant is very   . She works fast and never wastes time.
7. My boss complains about everything I do. He's so   .
8. Julie is so   . She can't stand waiting for anything.

B Complete the conversations. Use the phrases in the box.

Neither do     Neither am     Neither is     I don't mind  
 So is             I am             Neither can     So am

1. A: I'm not very good at video games. How about you?  
B: Oh,   . I play video games every weekend.
2. A: Jake is not punctual.  
B:    Karen. She's always late.
3. A: I'm so disorganized!  
B:    I. My desk is a mess. I can never find anything.
4. A: I don't mind traveling for work.  
B:    I. I think it's kind of fun.
5. A: I can't stand working in the evening.  
B:    I. I prefer to work during the day.
6. A: I'm not very outgoing at parties.  
B:    I. I'm usually pretty quiet at social events.
7. A: I hate taking the train to work.  
B:    I. I usually read or listen to music when I'm on the train.
8. A: Stella is really creative.  
B:    Robert. He always has great ideas.

