03/ Personality

Words you need... 3.1

- **cheerful** Cheerful people are usually happy.
- **friendly** Friendly people are pleasant and easy to talk to.
- **helpful** Helpful people are always willing to help others.
- **kind** Kind people help others and care about other people.
- **lazy** Lazy people do not like working or making an effort.
- **lively** Lively people have a lot of energy and like to do a lot of things.
- **polite** Polite people are careful to be pleasant, say nice things, and not upset people.
- **quiet** Quiet people do not say much.
- **rude** Rude people do not care about other people's feelings and often do or say things that upset them.
- **serious** Serious people do not laugh much.
- **shy** Shy people find it difficult to talk to people and make friends.
- **sporty** Sporty people are good at sport.
- **strict** Strict people want everyone to follow rules.
- **unfriendly** not friendly
- **unkind** not kind

Exercise 1

Choose a word from the box to describe how each person behaves.

rude shy kind lazy strict sporty friendly cheerful

1 He never gets up before midday, and he spends hours every day sitting watching TV. lazy

2 My friend is always smiling. Even if she has problems, she doesn't let them make her sad. _____

3 While her neighbour was in hospital, she visited him every day and took him things to eat. _____

4 She loves meeting people. She will talk to anyone! _____

5 When I gave him the present, he didn't even say thank you! _____

6 Eva's dad makes her do two hours of homework every day, and she has to be home by nine o'clock. _____

7 He plays baseball for his college team, and swims several times a week. _____

8 She finds it very difficult to talk to people she doesn't know very well. _____

Exercise 2 3.2

Laura and Rick have had very different experiences of starting a new job. Use the words from the box to complete what they say. Listen and check.

shy unkind serious unfriendly

'I'm finding it very difficult to make friends here. My new colleagues are really [1] unfriendly *– nobody ever speaks to me. Sometimes I think that I should try to start a conversation, but I'm too* [2] _____ *. On my first day, I was late because I didn't know which bus to get. My boss shouted at me, which I thought was really* [3] _____ *. He's so* [4] _____ *all the time – he spends all day checking everyone's work, and he never seems to smile.'*



quiet helpful lively polite

'I started my new job last week, and I'm loving it. Everyone has been really [5] _____ *, showing me what to do and helping me learn the systems. One thing I've noticed is how* [6] _____ *everyone is – people always speak to each other in a very pleasant way. At first, I thought that my colleagues were quite* [7] _____ *, because they don't chat much. Then they invited me out one evening, and I discovered that when they're not in the office, they're much more* [8] _____ *!'*

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