DESCRIBING PERSONALITY TRAITS

INCLUDING NEGATIVE PREFIXES

We use adjectives to describe people's personality.

Positive Adjectives

- kind
- honest
- patient
- generous
- confident
- helpful
- hardworking
- friendly
- polite

Negative Prefixes

We add a negative prefix to change the meaning of an adjective.

un-	(not)	kind → unkind
dis-	(not)	honest → dishonest
im-	(not) / (without)	patient → impatient
in-	(not)	polite → impolite
ir-	(not)	responsible → irresponsible
self-	(too much)	confident → overconfident

Examples:

- She is kind but sometimes she can be **impatient.**
- He is honest and **responsible.**
- My brother is very **unorganized!**
- He can be **impolite** with strangers.

1 Match the adjectives with their meanings.

1. kind	A. not kind; mean
2. honest	B. not honest; tells lies
3. patient	C. not patient; gets angry easily
4. generous	D. not polite; rude
5. confident	E. helpful and likes to give
6. hardworking	F. works very hard
7. unkind	G. says what is true; doesn't lie
8. dishonest	H. calm; can wait without complaining
9. impatient	I. friendly and nice to people
10. impolite	J. sure about yourself; believes in your ability



2 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective from the box.

kind honest patient generous confident hardworking unkind dishonest impatient impolite

1. My sister is very _____. She always helps other people.
2. Tom is _____. He never tells the truth.
3. I hate people who are _____ and shout at others.
4. She is a _____ student. She always does her homework.
5. My dad is very _____. He waits for me when I am late.
6. He is _____ and gives money to charity.
7. It's _____ to push in a queue.
8. My little brother is sometimes _____ and breaks my things.
9. She feels shy, but she is quite _____ when she speaks in class.
10. I don't like people who are _____ and don't care about others.

3 Read the descriptions. Write the correct adjective.

1. He always tells the truth.
   He is very _____.
2. She never stops talking!
   She is so _____.
3. He never helps anyone.
   He is really _____.
4. She works a lot and never gives up. She is _____.
5. He thinks he is better than everyone else.
   He is very _____.



4 Write sentences about these people. Use a positive adjective and a negative adjective.

Example: 1. Emma – kind / impatient → Emma is kind, but she can be impatient.



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