

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: matching, categorising, gap-fill

Focus

Personality adjectives

Aim

To learn and practice personality adjectives and complete descriptions of people using the adjectives.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this describing personality worksheet, students learn and practice a variety of personality adjectives and complete descriptions of people using the adjectives.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by matching personality adjectives in a box with definitions.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. funny
2. quiet
3. generous
4. unfriendly
5. dishonest
6. confident
7. polite
8. hardworking

Students then match each personality adjective with its opposite.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. f
2. e
3. d
4. h
5. c
6. b
7. a
8. g

Next, students categorize the personality adjectives according to whether they have a positive, neutral or negative meaning.

Exercise C - Answer key

Positive: funny, confident, polite, hardworking, friendly, honest, generous

Neutral: serious, shy, quiet, talkative

Negative: rude, lazy, unfriendly, dishonest, stingy

Students then move on to complete sentences with the personality adjectives.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. funny
2. generous / stingy
3. talkative
4. polite
5. shy / confident
6. lazy / hardworking
7. serious
8. honest
9. friendly
10. unfriendly / rude
11. quiet
12. dishonest

After that, students do two gap-fill exercises where they complete descriptions of themselves and someone they know using personality adjectives.

When the students have finished, have them read their descriptions to the class and provide feedback.

A. Match the personality adjectives in the box with the definitions.

quiet	unfriendly	hardworking	generous
funny	confident	dishonest	polite

- 1. An adjective to describe someone who makes people laugh.
- 2. An adjective to describe someone who doesn't talk much.
- 3. An adjective to describe someone who gives their time or money.
- 4. An adjective to describe someone who is unkind and doesn't like people.
- 5. An adjective to describe someone who lies, cheats or steals.
- 6. An adjective to describe someone who is comfortable in social situations.
- 7. An adjective to describe someone who has good manners and behaviour.
- 8. An adjective to describe someone who puts a lot of effort into their work.

B. Match each personality adjective with its opposite.



1. funny

a. rude



2. confident

b. lazy

3. generous

c. honest



4. quiet

d. stingy



5. dishonest

e. shy

6. hardworking

f. serious



7. polite




g. friendly



8. unfriendly

h. talkative

C. Do the personality adjectives above have a positive, neutral or negative meaning? Put the adjectives in the correct category.

 Positive	 Neutral	 Negative

D. Complete the sentences with the personality adjectives from the box.

quiet	serious	unfriendly	generous	hardworking	rude	honest	stingy
funny	lazy	talkative	confident	friendly	dishonest	shy	polite

1. My dad is very He always makes me laugh.
2. John is he gives to charity and volunteers, but Sam is
3. Catherine talks a lot. She is very
4. Jeffrey always says 'thank you', he is so
5. I don't feel comfortable talking to new people because I'm My cousin Amy loves meeting new people because she is
6. Ingrid is She doesn't work and she watches a lot of TV. Her sister works every day. She is
7. Jack can't be a comedian, he is too
8. Xavier is He always tells the truth.
9. Tiffany makes friends easily because she is very
10. If you are and, people won't like to be with you.
11. I like talking to people, but I'm a bit because I don't have a lot to say.
12. If you tell lies, you are a person.



E. Complete the description about yourself using personality adjectives.

In general , I'm a person but I'm not I'm also not When I go to parties, I talk/don't talk a lot so I'm I'm with my friends. They can/can't trust me because I'm usually very I work/don't work hard so that makes me

F. Now, use personality adjectives to write a description of a friend or family member.

My is and He/She isn't or His/Her best quality is that he/she is very Our personalities are sometimes similar because we are both However, we are different because I'm and he/she is