

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Character traits

Adjectives of character

Present simple yes/no questions and short answers

Aim

To ask and answer questions about character traits.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this intriguing worksheet activity, students practice asking and answering questions about character traits.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Go through the language on the worksheet and elicit the questions the students need to ask in order to do the activity, e.g. 'Do you like to try new or exciting things?'

Demonstrate the activity by writing the first item on the board and adding a 'Name' and 'Example' column beside it.

Ask a student in the class: Do you like to try new or exciting things? If they answer 'No, I don't', repeat the question with other students until one of them says 'Yes, I do'.

Write this student's name in the appropriate column on the board and ask: Can you give me an example? Put their answer in the 'Example' column, e.g. 'Last week, he went skydiving'.

Once the students understand the idea, let them start the activity. Tell them to go around the classroom, asking and answering the questions and completing the worksheet with answers.

It is important to tell the students that they can only have the same name once (or twice if the class is small). This is to encourage them to speak to as many different partners as possible.

When everyone has finished, go through each item and elicit the adjective that describes the character trait. Then, ask the students to give feedback to the class on what they found out about their classmates. Ask them to share any interesting examples and encourage the students to discuss them in more detail.

Answer Key:

Adventurous: likes to try new or exciting things.

Energetic: has a lot of energy and is very active.

Clumsy: always accidentally breaking or hitting things.

Fair: treats everyone equally and in a reasonable way.

Ambitious: determined to be successful, rich or famous.

Concerned: worried about something.

Industrious: always working very hard.

Sympathetic: easily understands the feelings of other people.

Bossy: likes to tell other people what to do.

Decisive: makes choices or decides what to do quickly and confidently.

Easygoing: relaxed, calm, and easy to get along with.

Curious: always wants to find out about something.

Funny: makes other people laugh.

Graceful: shows good manners and respect for other people.

Bold: confident and not afraid of people.

Cautious: careful to avoid problems or danger.

Find someone who...	Name	Example
... likes to try new or exciting things.		
... has a lot of energy and is very active.		
... is always accidentally breaking or hitting things.		
... treats everyone equally and in a reasonable way.		
... is determined to be successful, rich or famous.		
... is worried about something.		
... is always working very hard.		
... easily understands the feelings of other people.		
... likes to tell other people what to do.		
... makes choices or decides what to do quickly and confidently.		
... is relaxed, calm, and easy to get along with.		
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