

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Writing Exercises: matching, categorising, gap-fill, binary choice, writing a description

Focus

Personality adjectives

Aim

To learn and practice personality adjectives.

Preparation

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

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a describing personality worksheet to help students learn and practice a variety of personality adjectives.

Procedure

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

First, students match personality adjectives from a box with definitions.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. confident 2. generous 3. sensible 4. easygoing
5. selfish 6. annoying 7. nasty 8. shy

Students then match each personality adjective with its opposite.

Exercise B - Answer key

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

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

Exercise C - Answer key

Positive: easygoing, generous, confident, kind, lovely, outgoing, pleasant, sensible

Neutral: shy, silly

Negative: selfish, nasty, annoying, unsure, greedy, strict

After that, students complete sentences with the personality adjectives.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. sensible 5. nasty 9. easygoing 13. selfish
2. strict 6. greedy 10. kind 14. shy
3. lovely 7. annoying 11. outgoing
4. confident 8. silly 12. generous

Students then move on to complete a description of a teacher by underlining the correct personality adjectives.

Exercise D - Answer key (following the order of the text)

generous, shy, pleasant, sensible

Finally, students write a description of someone they know using the personality adjectives and then read their descriptions to the class.

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

selfish	easygoing	shy	generous
nasty	confident	annoying	sensible

-: certain about your ability to do things well
-: willing to give other people money, help, kindness, etc.
-: showing good judgment
-: usually relaxed and calm, not worried or upset
-: caring only about yourself and not other people
-: making people feel uncomfortable and a little angry
-: showing behaviour that is very unkind or unpleasant
-: not confident, especially about meeting or talking to new people

B. Match each personality adjective with its opposite.



1. selfish

2. easygoing

3. shy



4. generous

5. nasty

6. confident



7. annoying

8. sensible

a. unsure

b. pleasant

c. kind

d. lovely

e. greedy

f. outgoing

g. silly

h. strict



C. Categorize the personality adjectives above, according to whether they have a positive, neutral or negative meaning.

Positive	Neutral	Negative

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

selfish	greedy	easygoing	strict	shy	outgoing	generous
nasty	confident	annoying	lovely	sensible	silly	kind

- Being, she always thinks through her decisions before acting.
- The coach is and expects all the players to follow the rules.
- Somying has a personality that makes her a joy to be around.
- Cinzia is when speaking in public, which impresses her classmates.
- Nigel can be when he's in a bad mood. His comments hurt my feelings.
- Her nature makes it hard for her to be happy with what she has.
- People who talk a lot during a movie are very
- I am because I dance around my room when no one is watching.
- My friend is very Nothing ever seems to bother him.
- He is He always takes his grandfather shopping.
- Tiffany makes friends easily because she is very
- It was of Miko to give so much money to the charity.
- My boyfriend can be at times. I wish he thought of my needs more.
- Frank is too to join in group discussions at school.



E. Underline the correct personality adjectives to complete the description.

Sarah is a very *selfish* / *generous* teacher. She always shares her time and goes out of her way to help students. Although she's *shy* / *annoying* in large groups, once you know her, she becomes quite *unsure* / *pleasant* and easy to talk to. She's also very *sensible* / *strict*, making good decisions and offering solid advice.

F. Now, write a description of someone you know using the personality adjectives.

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