

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

(Traits of character)

I) Vocabulary

Task 1

After reading the text, you might notice personality traits can be positive, negative or neutral. Which traits do you think are positive, negative or neutral?

Please discuss with your partner and tick (✓) in the bracket for positive, cross (×) for negative and leave in the bracket blank for neutral.

Use your dictionary if not sure about meanings of the words or expressions.

- () Dependable () Well-organized () Responsible () Well-behaved () Self-controlled () Cautious
() Objective () **Demanding** () Conscientious () Subjective () Hard-working () Selfish () Extrovert
() Simple () Complicated
() Independent () Excellent in academic and professional achievements () Self-confident () Reliable
() High achiever () Serious () Supporter of law and order () A perfectionist () Bossy () Competent
() Dependent
() Irresponsible () Spoilt () Picky () Impatient () Outgoing () Amiable () A negotiator () Diligent
() Self-centred () Uncomplicated () Precise () Disorganized () Hot-tempered () An effective team player
() Patient () Shy and quiet () Calm () Competitive () Easy-going () Friendly () A peace-maker ()
A people-pleaser () **Even-tempered** () A great listener () **Messy** () Studious () Introvert
() Humorous () Intimidating

Task 2: Grouping-synonym and antonym

In the list above, do you find words for personality traits description contradictory while others have similar meanings? Synonyms are words or expressions with same or similar meanings, antonyms mean opposite. Please work in pairs and categorize words or expressions above as synonyms or antonyms. An example is provided.

Synonyms	Antonyms
responsible/ Irresponsible	Self-centred/selfish

II) Structures

A) Useful expressions for interviewing people/asking people about their personality

1. Can you tell me what kind of person do you think you are?
2. Do you think you are...?
3. Can you describe yourself briefly?
4. Is there anyone saying you are...?

B) Words to speak about your birth order:

- First-born Child Middle Child Only Child The youngest Child

Training

PAIR-WORK : Discuss about personality traits.

Step 1

Character 1 : List your partner's personality traits (at least three of them) and justify.

Step 2

Character 2 : Report what is said about you. Say if you agree or not and justify.

Step 3

Take turns.

Additional homework

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