Describing people: personality

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each personality adjective with its meaning.

1 friendly	____	a tells the truth
2 kind	____	b makes people laugh
3 honest	____	c does not like meeting new people
4 funny	____	d thinks mainly about their own needs
5 shy	____	e waits calmly without getting annoyed
6 confident	____	f pleasant and easy to talk to
7 patient	____	g does not want to work
8 hard-working	____	h believes in their own ability
9 lazy	____	i cares about other people
10 selfish	____	j puts a lot of effort into work

2 Match each adjective with its opposite.

1 generous	____	a rude
2 polite	____	b pessimistic
3 optimistic	____	c nervous
4 quiet	____	d unfriendly
5 calm	____	e selfish
6 reliable	____	f unreliable
7 sensible	____	g talkative
8 friendly	____	h foolish

3 Complete the profiles with words from the box.

confident | creative | generous | honest | patient | reliable | shy | sociable

Amir: He always tells the truth, so he is **1** _____. You can depend on him; he is very **2** _____.

Katja: She loves meeting people and is very **3** _____, but her sister is quiet and **4** _____.

Leo: He has lots of original ideas, so he is **5** _____. He believes in himself and is **6** _____.

Nora: She shares what she has and is **7** _____. She never gets annoyed while waiting, so she is also **8** _____.

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4 Choose the best adjective for each behaviour.

1 Mia always arrives when she says she will. She is *reliable / lazy*.

2 Ben expects good things to happen. He is *optimistic / pessimistic*.

3 Tara listens and does not interrupt. She is *patient / bossy*.

4 Jan gives orders to everyone. He is *bossy / shy*.

5 Eva becomes upset very easily. She is *sensitive / relaxed*.

6 Noah enjoys talking to new people. He is *sociable / quiet*.

7 Sara makes practical, careful decisions. She is *sensible / silly*.

8 Liam often says unkind things. He is *rude / polite*.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A project team

Four students are planning a school event. Iva is organised and reliable: she writes every task down and finishes work on time. Max is creative and energetic, but he sometimes starts talking before other people finish. Lina is quiet at first, yet she is confident when she presents her ideas. Tom is easy-going and patient. He stays calm when plans change and helps the group solve disagreements. They have different personalities, but they work well together.

1 Iva often forgets tasks. T / F

2 Max has original ideas. T / F

3 Max always waits for other people to finish speaking. T / F

4 Lina is never confident. T / F

5 Tom remains calm when plans change. T / F

6 The students cannot work together. T / F

6 Make the adjective negative with un- or im-.

1 friendly: _____

2 patient: _____

3 polite: _____

4 reliable: _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **70-90 word** personality profile of a real or imaginary person. Use examples of behaviour to explain at least four qualities.

[ ] Use at least eight target adjectives. [ ] Give reasons with *because*. [ ] Use respectful language.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Personality adjectives

1 **f** 2 **i** 3 **a** 4 **b** 5 **c** 6 **h** 7 **e** 8 **j** 9 **g** 10 **d**

2 Opposites

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

3 Profiles

1 **honest** 2 **reliable** 3 **sociable** 4 **shy** 5 **creative** 6 **confident** 7 **generous** 8 **patient**

4 Behaviour

1 **reliable** 2 **optimistic** 3 **patient** 4 **bossy** 5 **sensitive** 6 **sociable** 7 **sensible** 8 **rude**

5 Reading

1 **F** - Iva is organised and reliable.
2 **T**
3 **F** - He sometimes interrupts.
4 **F** - Lina is confident when presenting ideas.
5 **T**
6 **F** - They work well together.

6 Negative adjectives

1 **unfriendly** 2 **impatient** 3 **impolite** 4 **unreliable**

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check accurate adjectives, supporting examples and respectful wording.