



# Character and feelings

 Lesson code: 83S8-STCB-DNAR-8

INTERMEDIATE

## 1 Personality traits

Study the following adjectives and put them into the correct categories below:

boring	clever	funny	generous	lazy	loyal	moody
outgoing	pessimistic	punctual	reserved	rude	stupid	tolerant

Qualities: \_\_\_\_\_

Flaws: \_\_\_\_\_

**Work in pairs. Think about your friends or acquaintances. Tell your partner about their qualities and flaws using adverbs of frequency, for example:**

*Tony is usually outgoing and tolerant, but sometimes he can be moody and pessimistic. But he is never boring.*

## 2 Opposites

Look at the table below. Write the opposite of the adjectives on the left, using proper prefix:

adjective	un-	im-	dis-	in-
friendly	unfriendly			
patient		impatient		
honest				
sociable				
polite				
tolerant				
sensitive				insensitive
kind				



Now match the adjectives on the left with their opposites on the right:

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. generous | a. confident |
| 2. relaxed  | b. mean      |
| 3. shy      | c. miserable |
| 4. tough    | d. soft      |
| 5. strong   | e. tense     |
| 6. cheerful | f. weak      |

Work in pairs. Turn over your partner's worksheet. Tell him/her an adjective from this exercise. Ask him/her to tell you its opposite. Give your partner one point for every correct answer. After ten adjectives, change roles and repeat.

### 3 Describing people

Complete the sentences below with the following adjectives:

cheerful  
mature

confident  
mean

emotional  
selfish

lazy  
thoughtful

- Helen cares only about herself! She's the most \_\_\_\_\_ person I know.
- If you want to hire a hard-working person do not offer the job to Bob. He's very \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Julie had a baby at 17 and full time job a year later. She's very \_\_\_\_\_ for her age.
- George was too \_\_\_\_\_ to buy his fiancé a real gold ring for their wedding.
- Rose is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. She always smiles and laughs.
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ , speak loudly and smile, and you will get the job.
- Pamela started crying during her wedding. She's very \_\_\_\_\_ .
- It was very \_\_\_\_\_ of you to send me a postcard on your holiday.

In pairs, think about these people for a minute. What character features should/shouldn't they have? Use any of the adjectives from this lesson.

a teacher

a policeman

a good friend

a businessman

a waiter



## 4 Feelings

Study the table below:

adjective	noun
happy	happiness
angry	anger
proud	pride
embarrassed	embarrassment
bored	boredom
lazy	laziness
generous	generosity
sympathetic	sympathy
brave	bravery
jealous	jealousy

Work in pairs. Take turns to select a feeling from above. Describe a situation in which you or a friend of yours experienced the feeling that you partner selects.

## 5 Talking point

What stereotypes have you heard about different nationalities? How true are stereotypes?

## 6 Review

Review the words from this lesson with the Expemo memorization system. Go to [www.linguahouse.com](http://www.linguahouse.com), enter Lesson code: 83S8-STCB-DNAR-8, add the lesson to your knowledge collection and click 'Start My Review'.

Remember to review your knowledge collection regularly if you want the lessons to stay fresh in your memory. If you have a large collection, try to review it every day for at least 15-20 minutes.



### 1 Personality traits

*Explain the difference between qualities (positive traits) and flaws (negative traits). Some adjectives, e.g. 'clever' and 'reserved', can be considered positive or negative depending on the context.*

Qualities: funny, punctual, loyal, tolerant, clever, generous, outgoing

Flaws: moody, pessimistic, rude, stupid, boring, reserved

### 2 Opposites

1. dishonest, unsociable, impolite, intolerant, unkind

1. b

2. e

3. a

4. d

5. f

6. c

### 3 Describing people

1. selfish 2. lazy 3. mature 4. mean 5. cheerful 6. confident 7. emotional 8. thoughtful

*Possible answers:*

9. A teacher should be tolerant, patient, friendly. A teacher shouldn't be impatient, intolerant, too tough/soft.

10. A policeman should be tough, strong, etc.

11. A good friend should be loyal, sensitive, tolerant. A friend shouldn't be insensitive, mean, unsociable, etc.

12. A businessman should be confident, tough, patient. A businessman shouldn't be soft, shy, weak, stupid, etc.

13. A waiter should be polite, friendly. A waiter shouldn't be rude, impatient, angry, etc.

### 4 Feelings

*Go through the table and make sure students understand the meaning of the words. Encourage the correct use of both the adjectives and nouns, e.g. 'I was embarrassed when ...', 'I felt sympathy when ...', etc.*

