



CHARACTER AND BEHAVIOUR



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Character traits

Study the following adjectives. Find their meaning in a dictionary and complete the sentences below.

arrogant
honest

boring
rude

cheerful
shy

funny
smart

generous
friendly

- Joseph is very friendly. Everybody likes him!
- My grandmother is very _____. Every time I see her, she gives me 100 dollars!
- George is so _____. I always laugh when I spend time with him.
- Darrel is very _____. He thinks he is better than everybody else.
- Jack is very _____. He can learn a new language in only one month!
- Steven is quite _____. When I listen to him, I want to sleep.
- Akiko is very _____. She never lies.
- Kate is really _____. She never says "please", "thank you" and "you're welcome".
- Angela is a very _____ girl. She doesn't speak when there are a lot of people with her.
- Pedros is a very _____ guy. He likes smiling and laughing.

Which of the adjectives are qualities? Which are 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 friendly and generous, but sometimes he can be moody. But he is never boring.



2 Opposites

Complete the opposites with 'dis' or 'un':

1. friendly - un friendly
2. honest - _____ honest
3. funny - _____ funny

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

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| 1. generous | a. confident |
| 2. boring | b. interesting |
| 3. shy | c. mean |
| 4. smart | d. miserable |
| 5. rude | e. polite |
| 6. cheerful | f. stupid |

Test your partner. Read an adjective and ask your partner to tell you its opposite:

Student A: *What's the opposite of 'mean'?*

Student B: *The opposite of mean is 'generous'.*

3 Describing behaviour

Some of the adjectives in this lesson can also describe a person's behaviour. Study the sentence below about John, a 40-year-old American tourist in Paris.

John is being stupid.

Normally, we do not use the present continuous of the verb 'be'. However, when we talk about somebody's behaviour, we can use the present continuous of 'be'. The meaning is:

John is behaving in a stupid way right now. (NOT: John is generally stupid.)

In pairs, look at what John said below. Describe how he is behaving using the present continuous of 'be' + adjectives from this lesson.

1. "I learned French in a week. I'm so wonderful!"
2. "I can't help you. I'm not from France. Please go away!"
3. "I hate this job. I do the same thing every day. I don't want to go back to work."
4. "I'm 40 years old."
5. "I look older, but I'm only 28 years old."
6. "Thank you very much for your help."



Work in pairs. Take turns to select and read a sentence from below. Your partner should say how you are behaving using "You are being ..."

1. "You can stay at my place for a month, for free."
2. "I'm _____ years old."
3. "I don't like you. Go away."
4. "I'm the best person in the world."
5. "No, I don't want to lend you any money."
6. "Let's go to the casino. We can win a lot of money."
7. "Thank you for helping me with my homework. That was very nice of you."
8. "Hello, nice to meet you!"

4**Talking point**

How do different nationalities behave?

Remember, when we talk about people's 'general behaviour', we say '*They are ...*', for example:

Italians are usually cheerful and friendly.