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generous/easygoing/ambitious/cheerful/hardworking/trustworthy/optimistic/sensitive/moody/socialable/indecisive/reserved/lazy/attentive

Use a character adjective to fill in the blanks. Search the context of each sentence for clues about which adjectives would make sense. He's the type of person who's always whistling at work. He rarely gets angry or depressed, so I'd say he's a rather _____ person. She's a bit difficult to keep up with. One day she's happy, the next she's depressed. You could say she's a _____ person. Peter sees the good in everybody and everything. He's a very _____ coworker. He's always in a rush and worried he's going to miss something. It's hard to work with him because he's really _____. Jennifer always makes sure that everybody is taken care of. She's very _____ to the needs of others. You can believe anything she says and rely on her to do anything. In fact, she's probably the most _____ person I know. Don't count on any work getting done with him around. He doesn't usually work very hard and can be pretty _____. I'd say she can't be disturbed by anything and she's happy to do whatever you'd like. She's very _____. Be careful about what you say to Jack. He's so _____ that he might start to cry if you made a joke about his strange-looking shirt. I swear she'd give the deed to her house to anyone that needed it. To say she is _____ is an understatement! It is up to you what adjectives you want your students to use to answer Exercise 3, but here are some sample answers that would work.

cheerful/easygoing/moody/sensitive/optimistic/impulsive/ambitious/attentive/trustworthy/lazy/easygoing/cheerful/sensitive/moody/generous

Follow up this vocabulary-building activity by teaching your students more adjectives to describe personality traits. Help them understand that there are countless words that can be used to describe the same quality. The following five personality traits are considered by psychologists to be the main qualities of character. This table gives adjectives to describe a person based on whether they do (positive adjectives) or do not (negative adjectives) possess a given quality. For example, a person who displays agreeableness is cooperative. Familiarize your students with these adjectives and provide them with authentic opportunities for practice using them.

Sample Personality Adjectives

Trait	Positive Adjectives	Negative Adjectives	
Extroversion	outgoing, talkative, social, friendly, lively, active, fun, shy, reserved, quiet, timid, antisocial, withdrawn	Openness	open-minded, receptive, nonjudgmental, flexible, curious, narrow-minded, rigid, stubborn, judgmental, discriminating
Conscientiousness	hardworking, punctual, thoughtful, organized, careful, cautious, obedient, responsible	Agreeableness	good-natured, forgiving, amenable, genial, consenting, generous, cheerful, cooperative, disagreeable, ill-tempered, irritable, rude, spiteful, bitter, uncooperative
Neuroticism	patient, optimistic, easygoing, calm, self-assured, stable, reasonable	Pessimistic	irresponsible, negligent, rash
Extraversion	impatient, pessimistic, brooding, anxious, sensitive, moody, insecure	Impulsive	lazy, flaky, careless,reckless, irresponsible

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