

FIRST IMPRESSIONS DO COUNT

PERSONALITY ADJECTIVES

STARTING OFF –B2.1—SPEAKING: What's he/she like?

ADORO

EASYGOING
EMOTIONAL
ENERGETIC
ENTHUSIASTIC
EXUBERANT

decisive

fair-minded

BROAD-MINDED

determined

diligent

faithful

adaptable

BRAVE

adventurous

BRIGHT

affable

calm

affectionate

careful

agreeable

charming

ambitious

amiable

communicative

amicable

amusing

compassionate

hard-working

helpful

conscientious

honest

humorous

considerate

IMAGINATIVE

convivial

IMPARTIAL

INDEPENDENT

courageous

INTELLECTUAL

INTELLIGENT

courteous

INTUITIVE

creative

INVENTIVE

frank

friendly

funny

unassuming

understanding

versatile

loving

passionate

loyal

patient

modest

persistent

neat

pioneering

nice

philosophical

rational

optimistic

placid

reliable

quick-witted

plucky

reserved

quiet

polite

resourceful

thoughtful

powerful

romantic

tidy

practical

tough

pro-active

kind

Generous

gentle

good

gregarious

WARMHEARTED

WILLING

WITTY

harsh

belligerent
big-headed
bitchy
boastful
bone-idle
boring
bossy

machiavellian

materialistic

mean

miserly

moody

unkind
unpredictable
unreliable
untidy
untrustworthy

aggressive
aloof
arrogant

FINICKY

FLIRTATIOUS

FOOLISH

FOOLHARDY

FUSSY

sarcastic

secretive

selfish

self-centred

self-indulgent

silly

sneaky

stingy

stubborn

stupid

superficial

detached
dishonest
dogmatic
domineering

greedy
grumpy
gullible
lazy

obsessive
obstinate

overcritical
overemotional
parsimonious

patronizing

perverse

pessimistic

pompous

possessive

pusillanimous

vague

vain

vengeful

vulgar

IMPATIENT

IMPOLITE

IMPULSIVE

INCONSIDERATE

INCONSISTENT

INDECISIVE

INDISCREET

INFLEXIBLE

INTERFERING

INTOLERANT

IRRESPONSIBLE

jealous

narrow-minded

nasty

naughty

nervous

quarrelsome

quick-tempered

resentful

rude

ruthless

callous

cantankerous

careless

changeable

clinging

compulsive

conservative

cowardly

cruel

cunning

cynical

WEAK-WILLED

tactless

timid

touchy

thoughtless

truculent

List of 100 common **personality adjectives** that describe people **positively**

Most people would consider the character traits described by the personality adjectives below to be "good" or positive. This is generally true, but remember that words are often used subjectively. For example, "determined" is shown here as a positive personality adjective, while "stubborn" is listed on the [**negative personality adjectives**](#) page, yet the meaning of both can be very similar. The choice of word sometimes says as much about the author as about the person being described.

adaptable	courageous	funny	neat	romantic
adventurous	courteous	generous	nice	self-confident
affable	creative	gentle	optimistic	self-disciplined
affectionate	decisive	good	passionate	sensible
agreeable	determined	gregarious	patient	sensitive
ambitious	diligent	hard-working	persistent	shy
amiable	diplomatic	helpful	pioneering	sincere
amicable	discreet	honest	philosophical	sociable
amusing	dynamic	humorous	placid	straightforward
brave	easygoing	imaginative	plucky	sympathetic
bright	emotional	impartial	polite	thoughtful
broad-minded	energetic	independent	powerful	tidy
calm	enthusiastic	intellectual	practical	tough
careful	exuberant	intelligent	pro-active	unassuming
charming	fair-minded	intuitive	quick-witted	understanding
communicative	faithful	inventive	quiet	versatile
compassionate	fearless	kind	rational	warmhearted
conscientious	forceful	loving	reliable	willing
considerate	frank	loyal	reserved	witty
convivial	friendly	modest	resourceful	

List of 100 common **personality adjectives** that describe people **negatively**

Most people would consider the character traits described by the personality adjectives below to be "bad" or negative. This is generally true, but remember that there can be exceptions. For example, for a policeman "aggressive" might be a negative trait while for a boxer it might really belong to the **positive personality adjectives**.

aggressive	cynical	indecisive	overemotional	stingy
aloof	deceitful	indiscreet	parsimonious	stubborn
arrogant	detached	inflexible	patronizing	stupid
belligerent	dishonest	interfering	perverse	superficial
big-headed	dogmatic	intolerant	pessimistic	tactless
bitchy	domineering	irresponsible	pompous	timid
boastful	finicky	jealous	possessive	touchy
bone-idle	flirtatious	lazy	pusillanimous	thoughtless
boring	foolish	Machiavellian	quarrelsome	truculent
bossy	foolhardy	materialistic	quick-tempered	unkind
callous	fussy	mean	resentful	unpredictable
cantankerous	greedy	miserly	rude	unreliable
careless	grumpy	moody	ruthless	untidy
changeable	gullible	narrow-minded	sarcastic	untrustworthy
clinging	harsh	nasty	secretive	vague
compulsive	impatient	naughty	selfish	vain
conservative	impolite	nervous	self-centred	vengeful
cowardly	impulsive	obsessive	self-indulgent	vulgar
cruel	inconsiderate	obstinate	silly	weak-willed
cunning	inconsistent	overcritical	sneaky	

CHAT & SHARE!

- What brings you to this class?
- What's your earliest memory?
- What's your happiest memory?
- What was your most embarrassing moment?
- What bothers (inf: bugs) you? What drives you up the wall?
- Have your priorities changed over the last five years? In what ways?
- Do you have a favourite word or phrase in English?
- Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
- What do you enjoy most about studying English?
- Can you share some of your favourite internet sites?
- How do you release stress?
- How would your friends describe you? What would you add?
- If you could edit your past, what do you think you would change?
- What do you appreciate about living here?
- Would you consider yourself to be a lucky person?

NOW COMPARE THE ADJECTIVES ON THE LIST GIVEN TO YOU BY YOUR CLASSMATES WITH YOUR OWN.