

PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER IDIOMS



LET'S TALK!

How would you describe
your own personality?
What are your strengths
and weaknesses?

Do you believe that people
can change their
personalities over time?
Why or why not?

How much do you think
personality influences a
person's success in life?
Why?

Do you think it's possible to
"fake" a personality or character
trait in order to impress others?
Can you give an example?

Do you think that some
people are simply "born"
with better personalities or
characters than others?
Why or why not?

Are there any personality
traits that you think are
undervalued or overlooked
in today's society? Which
ones and why?





PERSONALITY QUIZ

Take the personality quiz and write down your answers. Go to the next slide to see the scoring and your results.

1. What motivates you the most?

- a) Money and success
- b) Helping others
- c) New experiences
- d) Relaxation and comfort

2. How do you handle stress?

- a) Stay calm and focused
- b) Talk to friends or family
- c) Take a break or do something fun
- d) Avoid stressful situations

3. What's your favorite way to spend your free time?

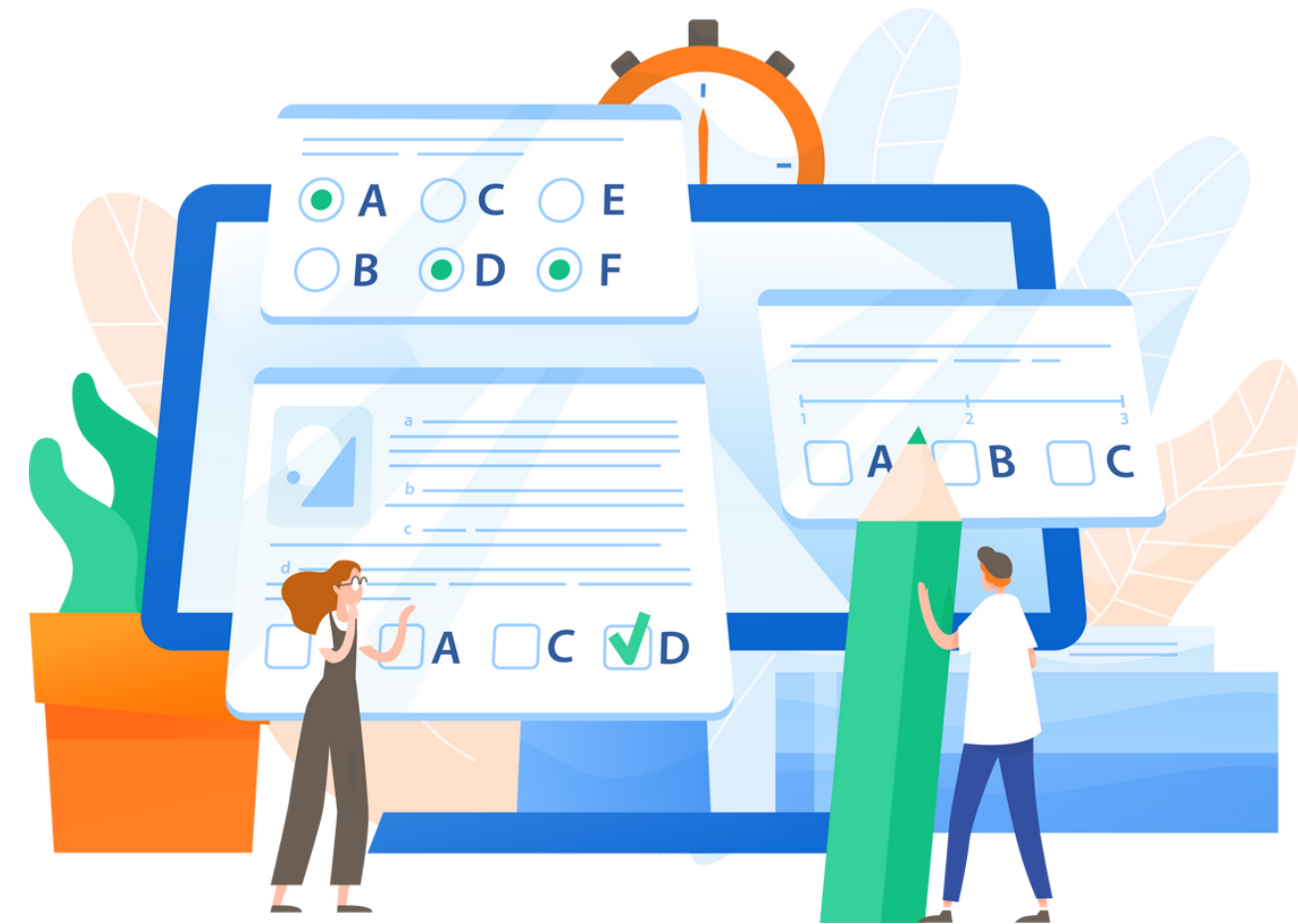
- a) Working on a project or task
- b) Socializing with friends or family
- c) Trying something new or adventurous
- d) Relaxing at home with a book or movie

4. How do you usually react to unexpected changes?

- a) Adapt quickly and find a solution
- b) Get upset or frustrated
- c) Embrace the change and see it as an opportunity
- d) Ignore it and hope it goes away

5. Which phrase describes you the best?

- a) "Where there's a will, there's a way."
- b) "The more, the merrier."
- c) "Life is an adventure."
- d) "Better safe than sorry."



PERSONALITY QUIZ RESULTS

Discuss your results and how accurate you think they are. Do you feel like the description matches your personality? Why or why not?

*What is the
meaning of the
underlined idioms?*



Scoring:

For every "a" answer, give yourself 3 points.

For every "b" answer, give yourself 2 points.

For every "c" answer, give yourself 4 points.

For every "d" answer, give yourself 1 point.

Results:

5-9 points: You're a bit of a wet blanket. You tend to be unenthusiastic and pessimistic about a lot of things.

10-14 points: You're a happy camper. You're satisfied with your life and enjoy spending time with others.

15-19 points: You're a mover and shaker. You're extremely motivated and determined to succeed.

20-24 points: You're full of beans. You're energetic and always looking for new experiences.

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Read the sentences with the idioms and determine their meanings from the context, then discuss your interpretations with a partner or in a group.

1. John is a real **go-getter**. He's always looking for new opportunities and pushing himself to succeed.
2. Sally is such **a people person**. She constantly makes friends wherever she goes.
3. Don't be such **a wimp**! Sometimes you have to take risks and try new things.
4. I tried to strike up a conversation with him, but he was a real **cold fish** and didn't seem interested.
5. Sarah's **a real wet blanket**. She sucked all the fun out of the party.
6. I think that guy might **have a screw loose** - he keeps talking to himself and seems really paranoid.
7. Karen is a real **mover and shaker** in the business world. She's always coming up with new ideas and making big deals.
8. My grandfather is very **set in his ways**. He likes to stick to his routines and doesn't like change.
9. Jack is such a **cheapskate**. He never wants to spend any money, even when we're out with friends.
10. Stop being such **a moaning Minnie** and try to find something positive about the situation!
11. The kids **were full of beans** after playing outside all afternoon. They had so much energy! How is it possible?
12. After I finished all my work on Friday, I was **a happy camper** because I could finally relax and enjoy the weekend.



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Match the idioms with their meanings.

1) a go-getter

2) a people person

3) a wimp

4) a cold fish

5) a wet blanket

6) to have a screw loose

7) a mover and shaker

8) be set in somebody's ways

9) a cheapskate

10) a Moaning Minnie

11) full of beans

12) a happy camper

a) someone who is energetic, enthusiastic, and lively

b) someone who is weak and lacks courage

c) someone who is stingy or unwilling to spend money

d) someone who is unemotional and distant

e) someone who is ambitious, determined, and proactive

f) someone who is influential, powerful, and actively involved in bringing about change

g) someone who is always complaining or whining about something.

h) someone who enjoys being around and interacting with others

i) someone who is content, satisfied, and happy with their current situation

j) someone who is a little crazy or mentally unstable

k) someone who is resistant to change

l) someone who spoils the fun for others with their negative attitude or lack of excitement

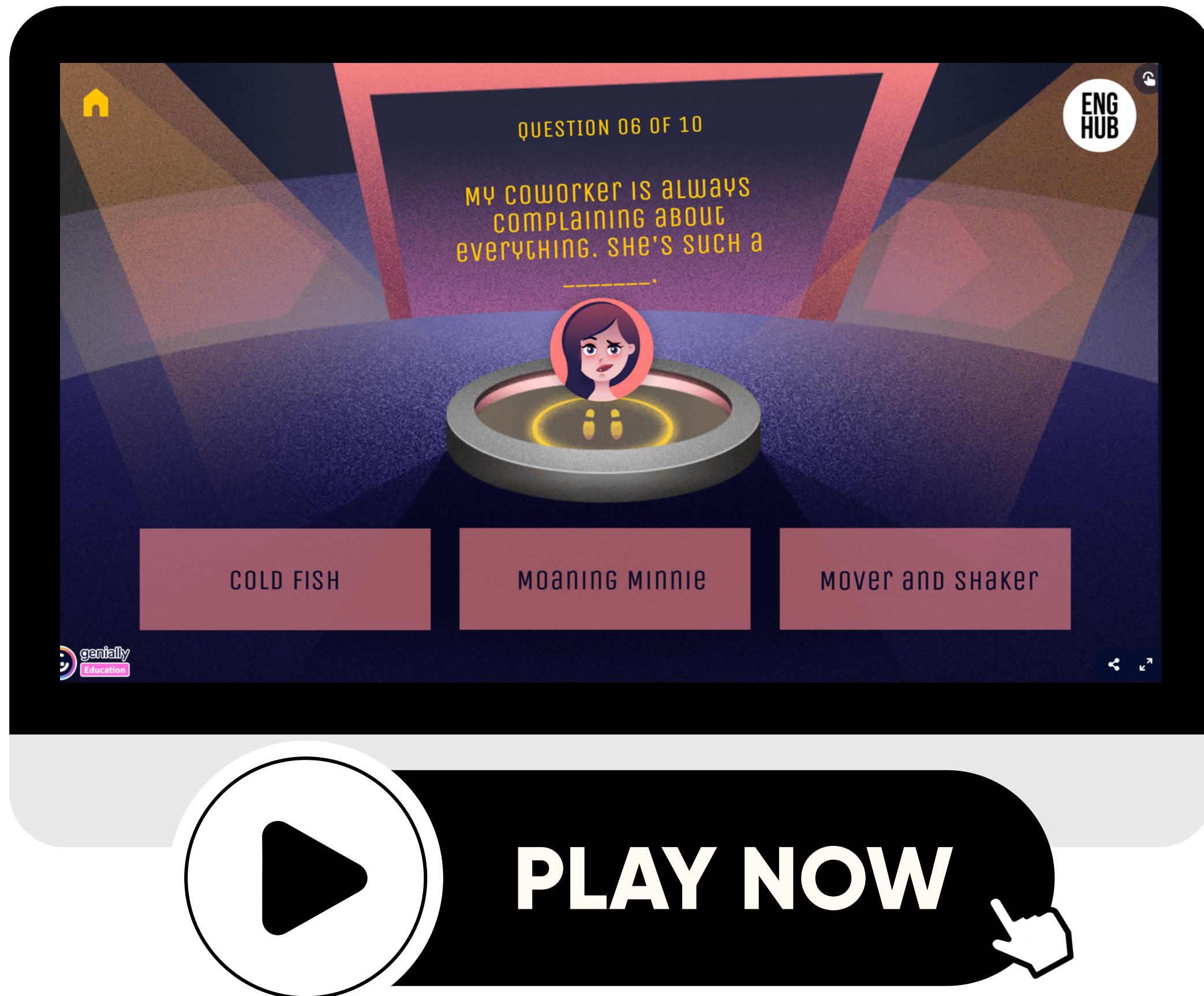
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Underline the correct idiom that best matches the meaning of the sentence.

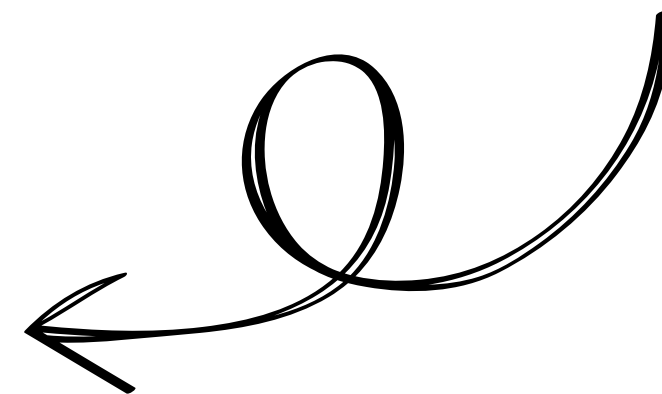
1. Even though the weather was terrible, John was still willing to go for walk. He's a real **mover and shaker/happy camper**.
2. Every time we suggest trying a new dish, Sarah always turns her nose up and says it looks disgusting. She's definitely **full of beans/a Moaning Minnie**.
3. Despite being a successful businessman, Tom is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs it. He's definitely **a people person/full of beans**.
4. Whenever there's an opportunity to save money, Moses always takes it, even if it means sacrificing quality. He's such **a cheapskate/a mover and shaker**.
5. Even though he's always smiling and being friendly to everyone, it's clear that Jack doesn't actually care about anyone. He's **a cold fish/a happy camper**.
6. Alex never wants to take any risks and always plays it safe. He's definitely **a wimp/a cold fish**.
7. Whenever there's a project to be done, Susan always takes the lead and ensures that everything is completed on time. She's **full of beans/a real mover and shaker**.
8. When you talk to him, it's clear that he's not quite right in the head. He must **be a happy camper/have a screw loose**.
9. Every time we suggest trying something new, Ryan always jumps in with enthusiasm and gets everyone excited. He's definitely **full of beans/a moaning Minnie**.
10. Despite being retired, my grandfather still wakes up at 5 am every day and sticks to the same routine. He's really **a people person/set in his ways**.



QUIZ TIME!



*Have fun practicing the
personality idioms you've learnt.
You can complete the quiz together
or individually.*



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Rewrite the following sentences using the personality idioms.

1. Jenny is a highly active and influential person in the business world, always thinking of new ideas and ways to improve her industry.
2. After drinking two cups of coffee, I was so energized that I couldn't sit still and ended up running around the house.
3. She's very stingy with her money and never likes to spend it, so she always looks for bargains.
4. Ever since he was young, he's been always striving for success and working hard to achieve his goals.
5. After receiving a promotion at work, Tom was overjoyed and couldn't wait to celebrate with his friends and family.
6. Every morning, she goes to the same coffee shop, orders the same drink, and sits in the same seat. She hates even the slightest changes.
7. Emma is great at networking and making connections with people, which is why she excels in her job as a sales manager.
8. My neighbour seems a bit paranoid because he keeps complaining about aliens and insists that they're spying on him.
9. Mark was too scared to confront anyone when he was younger, and he regrets not standing up to his bully.
10. Jake always brings negativity into every conversation, which is why his friends don't invite him out as much anymore.
11. Sophia can seem really unemotional, but once you get to know her, you realize she's just shy and has a hard time opening up to new people.
12. Sarah complains about everything and is never happy.



GET IN CHARACTER WITH IDIOMS

Work in pairs or in groups. Choose one of the personality idioms to role-play. Read the scenario below and discuss what the situation might mean for your character. Role-play a conversation or debate between the different characters, with each person trying to convince the other to take a particular action or approach to the situation.

You and your friends have planned a weekend camping trip, but the weather forecast is predicting heavy rain and thunderstorms for the entire weekend. What would you do and say in this situation?

a go-getter

a people person

a wimp

a cold fish

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to have a screw loose

a mover and shaker

be set in somebody's ways

a cheapskate

a Moaning Minnie

full of beans

a happy camper



POSSIBLE REACTIONS

You and your friends have planned a weekend camping trip, but the weather forecast is predicting heavy rain and thunderstorms for the entire weekend. What would you do and say in this situation?

- **The go-getter** would likely come up with a backup plan and try to make the most of the situation. They might suggest indoor activities, or try to find a way to make the camping trip work in spite of the bad weather.
- **The wet blanket** would likely complain and try to convince everyone to cancel the trip altogether. They might argue that it's too dangerous to go camping in such bad weather, and suggest that everyone stay home instead.
- **The wimp** might agree with the wet blanket and be too afraid to go on the trip. They might worry about getting sick or injured in the bad weather, and would prefer to stay home where it's safe.
- **The cold fish** might not show much emotion either way. They might not care whether the trip happens or not, and would be content to go along with whatever the group decides.
- **Someone who has a screw loose** might be excited about the storm and want to go camping anyway, regardless of the danger. They might suggest doing extreme activities like hiking or climbing during the storm.
- **The mover and shaker** might come up with a creative solution to make the trip work despite the bad weather. They might suggest setting up tents under a covered area, or bringing lots of rain gear to make sure everyone stays dry.
- **Someone who is set in their ways** might be resistant to changing the plans and might argue that they should stick to the original plan, rain or shine. They might be unwilling to compromise and try to convince everyone else to go along with them.
- **The cheapskate** might be happy to cancel the trip altogether to avoid spending any money on camping gear or food. They might argue that it's not worth the expense to go on a trip that might be ruined by bad weather.
- **The moaning Minnie** would likely complain and grumble about the bad weather the entire time, even if the group decides to go on the trip anyway. They might focus on the negative aspects of the situation and make everyone else feel miserable.
- **Someone who is full of beans** might be excited about the challenge of camping in bad weather and would look for ways to make the most of the situation. They might suggest playing games or doing activities that are more suited to the rain.
- **The happy camper** would likely be positive and enthusiastic about the trip regardless of the weather. They might focus on the adventure and fun of camping, and look for ways to make the most of the situation.
- **A people person** might suggest fun activities to do indoors or under a covered area, such as board games, card games, storytelling, or group discussions. They might also be empathetic and try to make everyone feel comfortable and happy despite the challenging weather conditions. A people person may also use their social skills to try to ease tensions or conflicts that may arise due to the unexpected change of plans.

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Name 3 situations where a go-getter would take charge.

Name 3 things a wimp would avoid doing.

Name 3 ways a mover and shaker influences others.

Name 3 things a cold fish wouldn't say.

Name 3 things a wet blanket would complain about.

Name 3 characteristics of a person who has a screw loose.

Name 3 ways a people person connects with others.

Name 3 things a cheapskate would try to save money on.

Name 3 routines a person who is set in their ways would follow.

Quizlet



Revise the words for the next lesson. Use this Quizlet set. You can also play different games to practice or even test yourself in the Quizlet app or on the site.



THANK YOU!

