

Honest, creative or lazy? (personality adjectives)

1. Read the text and answer the questions.

Three people were late for work one morning. When their boss talked to them about it, they all had different stories.

Person A: *'I overslept. I was at a birthday party and didn't sleep very much. I apologize and I promise it won't happen again.'*

Person B: *'I have a lot of work and I feel tired. I also don't like some of my tasks and I think my co-workers have less work.'*

Person C: *'I had a dream about how to make our company more successful and I couldn't wake up and not see the ending.'*

- After the meetings, the boss said she was working with one creative, one honest and one lazy person. Who did she describe as which?

Person A – honest

Person B – lazy

Person C – creative

- Do you agree with the boss?
- Imagine you are late for work. What story would you tell your boss?

[As a lead-in to the next activity, ask students if people are always the same (e.g. A quiet person is always quiet.) or if they change depending on the situation.]

2. Complete the sentences with the adjectives from the box.

clever confident hard-working quiet rude

- He's usually really **hard-working**. But this project is boring for him so he's being lazy: he doesn't really want to do his tasks.
- It's unusual that she's so polite with you. She's usually **rude** to everyone and she never smiles at people.
- He's really talkative when he's with friends. But when he's in the office, he is so **quiet** that you never hear him talk in meetings.
- She's good at public speaking so she looks **confident** at conferences. But someone told me that she's very shy when you meet her in person.

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e) I think I'm a **clever** person but when my friends talk about cryptocurrency, I feel quite stupid.

3. Think of answers for each point.

- situations in which I'm usually:
 - talkative
 - quiet
- a time of day when:
 - I'm the most hard-working
 - I sometimes feel lazy
- an action:
 - I feel shy doing
 - I feel confident doing
- a topic which makes me feel:
 - clever
 - stupid
- people who:
 - I'm always polite to
 - I can be rude to

[As a lead-in to the next activity, ask students if we can say that some personality traits are always good or bad.]

4. Look at the sentences and choose the word that makes most sense. Discuss if you agree with the statements.

- a) An/A **honest/generous** person can't work in sales.
- b) You don't need to be **lazy/friendly** to work well in a team.
- c) A **responsible/shy** person can't be an actor.
- d) You can't be a CEO of a company if you are too **kind/confident**.



5. Look at the list of words and say in which situations they are negative and in which they are positive.

EXAMPLE: talkative – *It's nice to have a talkative friend. It's not really good when you have a talkative colleague who doesn't let you work.*

- shy
- quiet

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- friendly
- kind
- generous

6. Read the descriptions of three people. Answer the questions below and explain your answers.

Catherine: I'm a creative and talkative person because I love meeting new people. I like exciting adventures and I'm really energetic. I'm not super responsible so it's sometimes difficult for me to find a job.

Joaquin: I'm an organized and tidy person who doesn't like mess. I'm quiet, but I'm a good listener and I'm helpful. I also think I'm an intelligent person because I like to learn new things.

Chia-Ling: I'm generous and I like to give presents. I may be shy at first, but when you get to know me, I'm honest and loyal. That's why I have a lot of good friends. I also think that I'm clever because I have a lot of great ideas.

Who would be...

- the best boss?
- the best friend?
- the best colleague?
- the best travel blogger?
- the best partner?
- the best party entertainer?

7. Look at the word cloud. Choose the words with any four initial letters from your name that describe you. Add your own words if necessary. Explain the words or give examples.

[If it's difficult for students to choose a word that starts with a letter from their name, tell them they can choose words that contain letters from their name, e.g. Mona – polite. If students have short names, they can use some letters of their surnames. Also, if they don't want to talk about themselves, they can do the same task about someone they know.]

EXAMPLE:

April – awesome, pretty, intelligent, loyal



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My mum tells me I'm pretty.

I think I'm loyal because I have a lot of friends. And my friends tell me I'm awesome.

I think I'm intelligent because I read a lot.

[This worksheet includes an additional task that you can use as homework or revision. It's only available in the teacher's version of the worksheet. Print it and hand it out to your students.]

Look at the situations below and say what each person does or how they feel.

Some of the answers might be the same/similar.

- a) A boss gives you a new task on Friday evening.
 - 1) A hard-working person *does the task at the weekend.*
 - 2) A rude person...
 - 3) A clever person...
- b) A friend asks you to help them move at the weekend.
 - 1) A lazy person...
 - 2) A helpful person...
 - 3) A polite person...
- c) A teacher asks someone from a class to create a presentation.
 - 1) A shy person...
 - 2) A responsible person...
 - 3) A confident person...
- d) A person on the street asks for money to buy food.
 - 1) A kind person...
 - 2) A generous person...
 - 3) A creative person...
- e) You have to make small talk with someone you don't know.
 - 1) A confident person...
 - 2) A talkative person...
 - 3) A quiet person...