

DESCRIBING PERSONALITY

KIND/PLEASANT

considerate: kind and thoughtful, taking care not to upset others and doing things that are helpful to others

compassionate: feeling sympathy for the suffering of others and wishing to help them

warm: friendly and pleasant

indulgent: allowing someone to have whatever they want

genial: friendly and cheerful, not at all frightening

lenient: tolerant towards someone who has done something wrong and not punishing them severely, when others might do so

tactful: careful in what you say or do so as not to upset anyone

affable: friendly, easy to talk to

mild-mannered: gentle and kind

courteous: polite, having good manners

decent: pleasant and honest

generous: kind in your treatment of others and happy to give them things

FEELING SUPERIOR

pompous: speaking or acting in a way that shows you feel you are very important and much more important than others

arrogant: too self-confident, in a way which others dislike

patronizing: speaking in a way that indicates that you consider yourself superior to those you are talking to and that you consider them stupid

conceited: too self-satisfied, happy in the belief that you are wonderful, in a way that others dislike

smug: too pleased with yourself and too happy in the belief that your own situation is better than other people's, in a way that is disliked

big-headed: having too high an opinion of yourself
snobbish: considering yourself socially superior to others
aloof: unfriendly towards others and not wishing to have a close relationship with them because of considering yourself superior to them
stuck-up: behaving towards others as if you are superior in a way that annoys them
supercilious: showing the attitude that you think you are better than others by being rather rude to them
condescending: treating others in a way that indicates that you think you are superior to them and that you are doing them a favour by dealing with them at all

UNKIND/UNPLEASANT

mean: unkind or unpleasant in what you say or in being unwilling to give things to or share things with people
ruthless: cruel and totally unsympathetic to others because you want to achieve something and do not care who suffers as long as you achieve it
vindictive: doing things in order to get revenge on others or because you want to cause someone you dislike to suffer
spiteful: saying or doing things that are deliberately intended to cause suffering to someone you dislike intensely
petulant: having a tendency to become angry suddenly because something is not the way that you want it to be, with the result that others suffer
ignorant: rude and bad-mannered
moody: tending to change moods constantly, so that you suddenly become angry or unhappy when previously you were not, in a way that others find it difficult to deal with
narrow-minded: not tolerant of others or willing to listen to or consider their views, when these differ from yours
surlly: unfriendly, unpleasant and rude, especially in the way you deal with others

DETERMINED

single-minded: determined to achieve something in particular and concentrating on that entirely, in a way that others admire
tenacious: not giving up an aim or changing a belief, despite difficulty or opposition
resolute: very determined, especially when this involves having courage
obstinate: refusing to change your mind or be influenced by other views, despite attempts to persuade you to do so, in a way that others disapprove of
intransigent: completely certain that you are right and unwilling to listen to opposing views, even if these are reasonable
persistent: refusing to give up, despite failure or opposition
pushy: openly determined to get what you want by persuading others to do things for you, in a way that is disliked
pig-headed: refusing to change your opinion, even though it appears quite possible that you are wrong
tireless: continuing in your efforts to achieve something you are determined to achieve, even though this requires an enormous amount of effort and energy
assertive: showing that you are determined to be listened to or taken seriously, rather than keeping quiet and allowing others to dominate
strong-willed: determined to get what you want and making every effort to get it

DISHONEST

crafty: clever in using deceitful ways to get what you want, rather than doing things openly
cunning: clever at deceiving and tricking people, in a way that is disapproved of
hypocritical: criticizing others for moral reasons while being guilty of the same things yourself
two-faced: deceiving others by pretending to like them when dealing with them but then saying bad things about them to others
scheming: making secret plans to get what you want because other people would disapprove if they knew what you were doing

calculating: clever at planning and doing things that are to your advantage, without other people realizing what you are really doing
devious: being deceitful and dishonest in order to get what you want by indirect means

TOPIC VOCABULARY

TABLE 1

<i>FASHIONS/FASHIONABLE</i>	<i>UNFASHIONABLE</i>
in fashion	out of fashion
a craze	dated
a fad	outmoded
all the rage	old hat
in vogue	obsolete
trendy	behind the times
contemporary	antiquated
trendsetting	outdated

TABLE 2

the young/youth
a youth
a youngster
youthful
childish
immature
immaturity
juvenile
infantile
adolescent
adolescence
a kid
a lad
a job
a lout
a hooligan

grow up
grown up
a grown up
mature
maturity
getting on
middle aged
over the hill
past it
in your dotage
ancient
senile
senior citizen
old age
an old age pensioner
elderly
the elderly

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