

Describing Personality

In the Speaking Paper, you may need to talk about your own or other people's personalities. To check or add to your vocabulary on this subject, look at the adjectives below and group them together under the headings given. Then note down the precise meaning of each one (you may need to consult a dictionary) and describe people you think they apply to, giving examples of their behaviour which justify your description of them.

considerate mean crafty ruthless pompous compassionate cunning single-minded arrogant hypocritical	tenacious patronizing resolute two-faced vindictive obstinate warm spiteful intransigent conceited	smug big-headed indulgent persistent snobbish aloof pushy scheming genial petulant	calculating ignorant lenient pig-headed moody tactful devious stuck-up supercilious narrow-minded	condescending affable tireless surly assertive mild-mannered courteous strong-willed decent generous
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Kind/Pleasant	Feeling Superior	Unkind/Unpleasant	Determined	Dishonest

Now check your answers to this exercise.

Part Three: Topic Vocabulary

1 In Part Three of this test, you are required to talk about the topic of fashion and youth. To check or add to your vocabulary on this subject, complete the words and phrases below.

Fashions/Fashionable	Unfashionable
__ fashion a cr ____ a f ____ all the r ____ in v ____ tr ____ cont ____ _____ setting	_____ fashion d ____ outm ____ old h ____ ob ____ _____ the times anti ____ outd ____

2 Now complete the words and phrases on the left so that they match the definitions on the right.

the y ____ a y ____ a y ____ y ____ ch ____ imm ____ imm ____ j ____ inf ____ ad ____ ad ____ a k ____ a l ____ a y ____ a l ____ a h ____	young people a young person a young person like young people wrongly behaving like a child more like a child than is acceptable behaviour that is like a child's behaving like a foolish child behaving like a small child young person becoming an adult period of becoming an adult a child a young boy a badly behaved young man a badly behaved young man a violent young man
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grow __ g ____ a g ____ m ____ m ____ getting __ m _____ a ____ over the h ____ p ____ it in your d ____ an ____ s ____ s _____ c ____ o ____ a ____ an o ____ a ____ p ____ e ____ the e ____	become an adult or start behaving like one like an adult an adult like an adult behaviour like an adult's becoming old no longer young but not yet old too old to be at your best any longer too old to be at your best any longer very old and weak very old very old and suffering from mental weakness an old or retired person the later part of life an old and retired person old (of people) old people
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