Personality Adjectives – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Match the descriptions

Match each description with an adjective from the box. There are two extra adjectives.

Example: This person is happy to talk to new people and feels sure of themselves. → confident

WORD BOX

generous **reliable** **shy** **honest** **ambitious** **patient** **bossy** **confident** **lazy**

1. Someone who likes giving things and money to other people. → _____
2. You can always trust this person to do what they promise. → _____
3. This person feels nervous and uncomfortable with people they don't know. → _____
4. This person always tells the truth. → _____
5. Someone who wants to be very successful in life. → _____
6. This person can wait calmly without getting angry. → _____
7. This person likes telling other people what to do. → _____

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with an adjective from the box. There are two extra words.

Example: Nina always shares her lunch with her friends. She's very ___. → generous

WORD BOX

stubborn **polite** **selfish** **hard-working** **easy-going** **moody** **curious** **tidy** **brave**

8. Tom never changes his mind, even when he knows he's wrong. He's so _____.
9. Ana always says "please" and "thank you". She's very _____.
10. My brother never shares his snacks with anyone. He's really _____.
11. Maya studies every evening and works at weekends too. She's very _____.
12. Leo doesn't worry about plans – he's happy to do anything. He's very _____.
13. One minute Sara is happy, the next minute she's angry. She's quite _____.
14. Children are naturally _____ – they want to know how everything works.

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Exercise 3: Word formation

Use the word in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

Example: Ben is very ___ – he talks to everyone at parties. (SOCIAL) → sociable

15. Please don't be so _____. Wait your turn! (PATIENT)
16. He lied to his teacher. That was very _____ of him. (HONEST)
17. Thank you for your _____. You've helped me so much. (KIND)
18. Her _____ helped her get the job – she spoke clearly and calmly. (CONFIDENT)
19. It was _____ of you to leave without saying goodbye. (POLITE)
20. My grandfather is famous for his _____. He gives presents to everyone. (GENEROUS)
21. He's very _____ – you can never trust him to arrive on time. (RELY)

Exercise 4: Adjectives and prepositions

Complete each sentence with the correct preposition.

Example: Our new neighbour is very friendly ___ everyone. → to

22. My teacher is very patient _____ students who make mistakes.
23. It was kind _____ you to help me carry my bags.
24. Please don't be rude _____ your little sister.
25. Lucy is very proud _____ her son's exam results.
26. Why are you so jealous _____ your best friend?
27. She's really good _____ listening to people's problems.
28. My cousin is very interested _____ other cultures.

Exercise 5: Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: She is very helpfully. → She is very helpful.

29. She is very sensible and cries easily when people criticise her.

30. Our history teacher is so bored. His lessons are always the same.

31. Jack is very unpatient when he has to wait in a queue.

32. Emma is a very honesty person.

33. It was very generous for you to pay for dinner.

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34. Our neighbours are very friend and always say hello.

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Exercise 6: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

Example: is / very / my / kind / aunt → My aunt is very kind.

35. is / the most / she / reliable / person / I know

_____

36. always / my / is / cheerful / grandmother

_____

37. of / was / it / you / thoughtful / very

_____

38. too / to / he / shy / is / speak / in class

_____

39. not / enough / she / patient / is / to be a teacher

_____

40. people / I / like / easy-going / who / are

_____

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Answer key – Personality Adjectives – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Match the descriptions

1. **generous**
   A generous person enjoys giving to others.
2. **reliable**
   A reliable person does what they say they will do.
3. **shy**
   A shy person feels nervous with new people.
4. **honest**
   An honest person does not lie.
5. **ambitious**
   An ambitious person has strong goals for success.
6. **patient**
   A patient person stays calm when they have to wait.
7. **bossy**
   A bossy person gives orders to others all the time.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

8. **stubborn**
   A stubborn person refuses to change their mind.
9. **polite**
   Polite people have good manners.
10. **selfish**
    A selfish person thinks only about themselves.
11. **hard-working**
    A hard-working person puts a lot of effort into their work.
12. **easy-going**
    An easy-going person is relaxed and not easily worried.
13. **moody**
    A moody person's feelings change quickly.
14. **curious**
    Curious people want to learn and know things.

Exercise 3: Word formation

15. **impatient**
    The opposite of patient is impatient.
16. **dishonest**
    The opposite of honest is dishonest.
17. **kindness**
    After 'your' we need a noun: kindness.
18. **confidence**
    The noun form of confident is confidence.
19. **impolite**
    The opposite of polite is impolite.
20. **generosity**
    The noun form of generous is generosity.
21. **unreliable**
    We need a negative adjective: rely → reliable → unreliable.

Exercise 4: Adjectives and prepositions

22. **with**
    We say 'patient with someone'.
23. **of**
    We say 'it was kind of you' to describe someone's action.
24. **to**
    We say 'rude to someone'.
25. **of**
    We say 'proud of something or someone'.
26. **of**
    We say 'jealous of someone'.
27. **at**
    We say 'good at doing something'.
28. **in**
    We say 'interested in something'.

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Exercise 5: Find and correct the mistake

29. **She is very sensitive and cries easily when people criticise her.**
    Sensitive means easily upset; sensible means having good judgement.
30. **Our history teacher is so boring. His lessons are always the same.**
    Boring describes a person who makes others feel bored.
31. **Jack is very impatient when he has to wait in a queue.**
    The negative prefix for patient is im-.
32. **Emma is a very honest person.**
    Before a noun we need the adjective honest, not the noun honesty.
33. **It was very generous of you to pay for dinner.**
    We say 'generous of you' to describe someone's action.
34. **Our neighbours are very friendly and always say hello.**
    We need the adjective friendly, not the noun friend.

Exercise 6: Put the words in order

35. **She is the most reliable person I know.**
    Superlative structure: the most + adjective + noun.
36. **My grandmother is always cheerful.**
    'Always' comes after the verb 'be'.
37. **It was very thoughtful of you.**
    Structure: It was + adjective + of you.
38. **He is too shy to speak in class.**
    Structure: too + adjective + to + infinitive.
39. **She is not patient enough to be a teacher.**
    'Enough' comes after the adjective.
40. **I like people who are easy-going.**
    A relative clause with 'who' describes the people.

Notes for teachers: Start with the matching exercise to check meaning, then move to the context and word-form tasks. Learners often confuse sensible/sensitive and bored/boring, and they forget that 'kind/generous/thoughtful' take 'of you' while 'nice/rude/polite' take 'to'. As a follow-up, ask pairs to describe a family member or friend using five adjectives from the worksheet and give an example of their behaviour for each.

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