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LEVEL: B2.1	TOPIC: <i>Character & Personality</i>
OBJECTIVE: Learning vocabulary about Character and Personality	
EXERCISES: 8	TIMING: 4 sessions

1. CHOOSE A COLUMN AND DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING ADJECTIVES TO YOUR PARTNERS.

A	Killjoy	B	Careless
	Cheerful, happy		Unhappy, miserable
	Troublemaker		Dynamic
	Friendly, kind		Amusing
	Abnormal		Sweet
	Apathetic		Polite
	Astute		Selfish

C	Tolerant	D	Film fan
	Sociable		Conformist
	Romantic		Depressed
	Heartbroken		Glad
	Boring		Cruel
	Fans		Decisive, determined
	Aggressive		Dependent

2. TICK THE ONES YOU THINK ARE POSITIVE AND CROSS THE ONES YOU CONSIDER NEGATIVE:

- | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Honest | Anxious, worried | Mature | Sensible |
| Ignorant | Pressed | Bad-tempered | Sensitive |
| Eager | Cautious | Bad, nasty | Serious |
| Shocked | Bookworm | Wicked | Nice |
| Independent | Rebellious | Sincere, open | Silly |
| Individualistic | Receptive | Caring | Calm, quiet |
| Highbrow | Rancorous | Surprised | Easy-going |
| Intelligent, clever | Resentful | Mean | Naughty |
| Narrow-minded | Reserved | Shaking, trembling | Sad |
| Introvert, | Responsible | Thick-skinned | Brave |
| Irritable, in a rage | Blushed | Stubborn, obstinate | Vain |
| Pitiful | Satisfied, pleased | Gentle | Bashful, shy |
| Broad-minded | Self-confident | Shy | Violent |
| Crazy | Embarrassed | Thorough | Lively |

3. CIRCLE THE ONES YOU CONSIDER NEGATIVE:

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 a) Terrified | b) Adventurous | c) Warm |
| 2 a) Enthusiastic | b) Authoritarian | c) Hopeful |
| 3 a) Celebrity | b) Patient | c) Ashamed |
| 4 a) Emotional | b) Quiet | c) Excited |
| 5 a) Willing | b) Powerful | c) Jealous |
| 6 a) Charming | b) Angry | c) Vigorous |
| 7 a) Nervous | b) Meticulous | c) Energetic |
| 8 a) Thorough | b) Modest | c) Conceited |
| 9 a) Envious | b) Uptight | c) Talkative |
| 10 a) Funny | b) Generous | c) Stressed |
| 11 a) Reliable | b) Deceptive | c) Outgoing |
| 12 a) Disagree | b) Extrovert | c) Affectionate |
| 13 a) Lovely | b) Optimistic | c) Gloomy |
| 14 a) Nosy | b) Patient | c) Powerful |
| 15 a) Adventurous | b) Fearful | c) Enthusiastic |

4. MATCH PHRASAL VERBS TO SYNONYMS/DEFINITIONS

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1 Get on with | A Speak badly about sby |
| 2 Let your hair down | B Act silly not being serious. Wasting time |
| 3 Be taken aback | C Relax, wind out, calm down |
| 4 Do down | D Criticize, make somebody feel stupid |
| 5 Goof off | E Become calm after being upset |
| 6 Put down | F Change from sad to happy |
| 7 Settle down | G Be strongly surprised (normally used in passive voice) |
| 8 Cheer up | H Have good relationships |
| 9 Bottle up | I Think you are better than others |
| 10 Make up | J Ask for news about sby |
| 11 Look down on | K Become friends after an argument |
| 12 Ask after | L Keep your emotions inside |

5. MATCH WORDS TO DEFINITIONS/SYNONYMS

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|--------------------|--|
| 1 Chatterbox | A Inquisitive and pokes his her nose into others' business |
| 2 Highbrow | B Can't stop talking |
| 3 Nosy parker | C Loves reading books |
| 4 Bookworm | D Confused and forgetful |
| 5 Film fan | E Intellectual and likes serious literature, art, music |
| 6 Slowcoach | F Loves to work |
| 7 Lazybones | G Very keen on the cinema |
| 8 Scatterbrain | H Not very active or energetic |
| 9 Workaholic | I Likes to open the windows or be outside |
| 10 Fresh air fiend | J Slow |

6. PLAY A BOARD GAME TO REVIEW VOCABULARY SEEN IN CLASS

Roll the dice and move your piece forward on the board.

1	Honest	15	Do down	29	Sincere	43	Shy
2	Eager	16	Shocked	30	Put down	44	Naughty
3	Independent	17	Narrow-minded	31	Open	45	Sad
4	Highbrow	18	Introvert	32	Bad-tempered	46	Sensible
5	Smart	19	Goof off	33	Nasty	47	Sensitive
6	Broad-minded	20	Pressed	34	Settle down	48	Vain
7	Get on with	21	Cautious	35	Wicked	49	Bashful
8	Receptive	22	Bookworm	36	Mean	50	Serious
9	Responsible	23	Be taken aback	37	Stubborn	51	Calm
10	Satisfied	24	Rebellious	38	Cheer up	52	Quiet
11	Let your hair down	25	Rancorous	39	Obstinate	53	Easy-going
12	Pleased	26	Resentful	40	Caring	54	Lively
13	Self-confident	27	Reserved	41	Thick-skinned		
14	Mature	28	Blushed	42	Gengle		

7. WRITE A WORD RELATED TO CHARACTER & PERSONALITY AFTER EACH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET:

A		J		S	
B		K		T	
C		L		U	
D		M		V	
E		N		W	
F		O		X	
G		P		Y	
H		Q		Z	
I		R			

8. HOW DO YOU SAY...?

A		Full of mental uneasiness due to fear of danger or misfortune
B		Irritable and angry
C		Someone who shows concern for other people
D		Resolute, firm and unwilling to change
E		Very tolerant, relaxed attitude and manner
F		Very difficult to please and only liking particular things
G		Kind, not violent and moderate
H		A person who is or pretends to be intellectually superior
I		Shy person
J		Upset because someone you love likes another person
K		Behaving well and being of good nature
L		Full of vital energy and life
M		Totally developed mind and body
N		Intolerant and unwilling to consider other options
O		Synonym for stubborn
P		Arrogant
Q		Someone who talks very little
R		Open to ideas and suggestions
S		Using common sense
T		Not easily offended or irritated by others' criticism
U		Disordered, irritable and confused
V		Too concerned about one's appearance, qualities, etc.
W		Addicted to work

9. FIND THE MISSING WORD

1. I definitely put my foot in it and when I realized what happened, I got b.....
2. I'm really e..... for the summer to come. This course has been really tough.
3. She won't go to a punk concert. She is really h..... She only likes serious music.
4. He is really j..... If he sees me talking to other men, I'll have a problem.
5. You're very s.....! You never change your mind.

10. QUESTIONS

1. What are the advantages of being a bookworm?
2. Do you know any workaholic? Why do you think they are like that?
3. Is there any killjoy near you?
4. Do you consider yourself calm and quiet or anxious and worried about life?
5. What do you prefer in a friend: Being independent or dependent.

6. Define yourself using at least 4 adjectives.
7. Name people who are generous, extrovert, mean and introvert. Explain it.
8. Do you consider you are outgoing and adventurous or just the opposite?
9. Are you always willing to do things or are you more lazybones?
10. Do you know anybody who is a drama queen? Who?

11. Are you easy to get on with? Do you know anybody who isn't?
12. When do you let your hair down?
13. Have you been brought up in an optimistic or pessimistic atmosphere?
14. Do you know any synonym for authoritarian?
15. Do you know any synonym for reliable?

16. Do you know any synonym for embarrassed?
17. Which are the characteristics of a sensible person?
18. How do you call a person who's not diligent with things?
19. Do you bottle up easily or you believe talking has healing properties?
20. Do you settle down easily?



WRITING ACTIVITY

TASK 2

Write an opinion article on the following statement: BAD PEOPLE SHOULD BE PUNISHED AND PUT APART OF GOOD ONES.

SPEAKING ACTIVITY

TASK 2

PERSONALITY

Talk together and say:

- How do the following photographs relate to the topic?
- What's the most repeated character in your group of mates?

It is important to justify your viewpoints as well as to listen to what your partner says and react properly agreeing, disagreeing, giving different ideas or offering solutions to what matters.

Do not describe the photos in detail although references to them could be helpful. Both, you and your partner have the same ideas



PRONUNCIATION ACTIVITIES

Write the words below under their own column

/ei/	/æ/	/ʌ/	/ɑ:/	/eə/
<p>Plane, Bag, Hut, Cash, Main, Spain, Has, Cut, March, Pain, Back, Must, Bare, Catch, Plain, At, Man, Rain, Tap, Ran.</p>				

Write the words below under their own column

/ei/	/æ/	/ʌ/	/ɑ:/	/eə/
<p>Mate, Came, Wait, Bay, Plan, Mad, Sang, Pan, Hat, Bank, Can, Ham, Shut, Much, Luck, Far, Bar, Heart, Share, Care.</p>				

Write the words below under their own column

/ei/	/æ/	/ʌ/	/ɑ:/	/eə/
Change, Salt, Cup, Calm, Airport, Half, Sun, Fat, Map, Wake, Train, Fun, Add, Watch, Break, Steak, Land, Dance, Run, Bath.				

Repeat the following sentences:

1. My cat has a painful cut in his back.
2. I ran to catch the plane.
3. We had paid in cash for a hut.
4. I must run in the rain because a man took my bag.
5. At half map, I changed trains to get to sunny Bath and have fun.
6. I share my luck far from Spain since March.
7. 7. After adding too much salt to the steak, we drank from our cups.
8. Plain ham at that bar makes us mad.
9. You sang very much when she came in that hat.
10. She runs a bath after dancing some breakdance.