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# Unit 1

## CHARACTER & PERSONALITY

# VOCABULARY

## 1. WORDS BRAINSTORMING.

Positive adjectives	Negative adjectives

## 2. TICK THE POSITIVE ADJECTIVES

Terrified	Deceptive, deceiving	Stupid	Annoyed
Authoritarian	Excited	Outgoing, extrovert	Tongue-tied
Adventurous	Emotional	Boast	Needed
Ashamed	Disagree	Reliable	Nervous
Quiet	Lovely	Cold	Fresh air fiend
Affectionate, warm	Charming	Furious	Hateful
Celebrity	Vigorous	Generous	Optimistic
Jealous	Energetic	Funny	Proud, haughty
Angry	Melancholic, gloomy	Rude	Patient-impatient
Conceited, snob	Meticulous	Nag	Slowcoach-slowpoke
Enthusiastic	Nosy parker	Talkative	Lazy, lazybones
Envious	Fearful	To make a fuss	Pessimistic
Hopeful	Modest	Oversensitive	Tactless
Stressed	Uptight	Hypocritical	Powerful

### 3. CIRCLE THE NEGATIVE ADJECTIVES

- |                   |                |                 |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 a) Warm         | b) Hopeful     | c) Drama queen  |
| 2 a) Boast        | b) Celebrity   | c) Emotional    |
| 3 a) Excited      | b) Slowpoke    | c) Willing      |
| 4 a) Charming     | b) Vigorous    | c) Furious      |
| 5 a) Meticulous   | b) Energetic   | c) Rude         |
| 6 a) Nag          | b) Thorough    | c) Modest       |
| 7 a) Uptight      | b) Fussy       | c) Talkative    |
| 8 a) Funny        | b) Squeamish   | c) Generous     |
| 9 a) Annoyed      | b) Reliable    | c) Outgoing     |
| 10 a) Tongue-tied | b) Extrovert   | c) Affectionate |
| 11 a) Fiend       | b) Lovely      | c) Optimistic   |
| 12 a) Patient     | b) Haughty     | c) Powerful     |
| 13 a) Lazybones   | b) Charming    | c) Reliable     |
| 14 a) Thorough    | b) Pessimistic | c) Outgoing     |
| 15 a) Tactless    | b) Willing     | c) Uptight      |

### 4. MATCH PHRASAL VERBS TO SYNONYMS/DEFINITIONS

- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 Look up to                | A Tolerate                                 |
| 2 Stand for                 | B Respect, Admire                          |
| 3 Be carried away           | C Become friends after an argument         |
| 4 Be taken in               | D Break into pieces                        |
| 5 Pick on/pick holes in sby | E Fall in love with                        |
| 6 Fall apart                | F Quarrel                                  |
| 7 Fall for                  | G Be very excited                          |
| 8 Fall out with             | H Be deceived                              |
| 9 Make up                   | I Think you are better than others         |
| 10 Look down on             | J Keep treating somebody badly or unfairly |

### 5. MATCH WORDS TO DEFINITIONS/SYNONYMS

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1 High flier   | A Seems to enjoy preventing others from enjoying themselves |
| 2 Troublemaker | B Hopeless or pessimistic                                   |
| 3 Killjoy      | C Clever and ambitious and will get promotion and success   |
| 4 Uptight      | D Full of rancor  |
| 5 Gloomy       | E Trustworthy   |
| 6 Reliable     | F To feel blame or embarrassment                            |
| 7 Proud        | G Free from prejudice or bigotry (intolerance)              |
| 8 Blushed      | H Tense, worried and nerve                                  |
| 9 Broad-minded | I Arrogant  |
| 10 Rancorous   | J Causes difficulties among people                          |



## 6. BOARDGAME

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

<b>1</b>	Adventurous	<b>15</b>	Meticulous	<b>29</b>	Stupid	<b>43</b>	Hateful
<b>2</b>	Enthusiastic	<b>16</b>	Modest	<b>30</b>	Stand for	<b>44</b>	Proud
<b>3</b>	Excited	<b>17</b>	Fall for	<b>31</b>	Cold	<b>45</b>	Haughty
<b>4</b>	Lovely	<b>18</b>	Outgoing	<b>32</b>	Furious	<b>46</b>	Make up
<b>5</b>	Be carried away	<b>19</b>	Extrovert	<b>33</b>	Rude	<b>47</b>	Slowcoach
<b>6</b>	Charming	<b>20</b>	Reliable	<b>34</b>	Nagger	<b>48</b>	Lazybones
<b>7</b>	Terrified	<b>21</b>	Generous	<b>35</b>	Fussy	<b>49</b>	Pessimistic
<b>8</b>	Ashamed	<b>22</b>	Fall out with	<b>36</b>	Be taken in	<b>50</b>	Tactless
<b>9</b>	Quiet	<b>23</b>	A good fun	<b>37</b>	Oversensitive	<b>51</b>	Look down to
<b>10</b>	Angry	<b>24</b>	Talkative	<b>38</b>	Hypocritical	<b>52</b>	Vigorous
<b>11</b>	Fall apart	<b>25</b>	Optimistic	<b>39</b>	Annoyed	<b>53</b>	Impatient
<b>12</b>	Conceited	<b>26</b>	Fresh air Fiend	<b>40</b>	Tongue-tied	<b>54</b>	Warm
<b>13</b>	Snob	<b>27</b>	Look up to	<b>41</b>	Nervous		
<b>14</b>	Fearful	<b>28</b>	Uptight	<b>42</b>	Pick holes in sby		

## 7. HOW DO YOU SAY...?

A		Showing love and tender
B		When your face becomes red because of embarrassment
C		Too proud of yourself and your actions
D		It makes you believe something that is not true
E		Expressing envy
F		Very difficult to please and only liking particular things
G		Sad and without hope
H		Interested in serious and complicated subjects or ideas
I		With lack of patience
J		Upset because someone you live likes another person
K		Person who doesn't like other people enjoying themselves
L		Physical or mind beauty
M		Having special care for small details
N		Badly-behaved, usually for children
O		Willing to consider ideas and opinions different to one's own
P		A person who controls feeling without complaining

Q		Someone who talks very little
R		A person you can trust
S		Never changing your ideas or plans even when you should
T		Undiplomatic or showing no tact
U		Sad or worried because something bad has happened
V		Full of energy and vigor
W		Very sad
X		Showing xenophobia
Z		Enthusiastic

**8. FIND THE MISSING WORD**

1. He is really f..... with food. He doesn't eat a lot of stuff.
2. After being all the day studying for my English exam, I was really w.....
3. We were really u..... after knowing that her dad had an accident.
4. Try being t..... please! She is having a tough time at home. Don't talk about it.
5. I like Pete! He's an o..... person. You can talk about anything with him.

# WRITING

## TASK 1

A friend of yours is renting the apartment above you. Send him an email telling everything about his/her new neighbours' personalities (who to avoid, who to trust, who to fear...). Write about 130 words.

### What to take into account:

1. *Who are you?*
2. *Who are you writing to?*
3. *Register: Formal / Informal*
4. *Which ideas or viewpoint are you taking?*

### What is being assessed:

- *Coherence: Answering the question properly, text length and register*
- *Cohesion: Use of connectors and referentiality*
- *Richness: Grammar and vocabulary from the level*
- *Correctness: Grammar and Lexical mistakes*

## LINKERS

Think about how you could link sentences when referring to Introducing a statement in your writing expression activities.

- a. To begin with
- b. I shall first consider
- c. In this text,
- d. In the following essay, article...
- e.
- f.
- g.
- h.
- i.

# SPEAKING

## QUESTIONS

1. Are you a chatterbox?
2. What's your opinion about nosey parkers? Are they dangerous?
3. What are the characteristics of a thick-skinned person?
4. Do you like being naughty or do you consider yourself serious?
5. What type of music do you listen to when you are gloomy?
  
6. Do you have any friend who's really a nagger or fussy?
7. Compared to our parents are we broad-minded or narrow-minded?
8. Is there any drawbacks for being self-confident?
9. When was the last time you felt ashamed?
10. Are you thorough in general? When can you behave in that way?
  
11. What do you do if you find a conceited and haughty classmate?
12. When do you fall apart?
13. Who do you goof off with?
14. Have you ever pick holes in somebody? Why?
15. What are disadvantages of being moody?
  
16. Do you know any synonym for absent-minded?
17. Name people you look up to. Explain it.
18. What can't you stand for?
19. Is it easy for you to make it up after a quarrel?
20. What's the opposite of broad-minded?

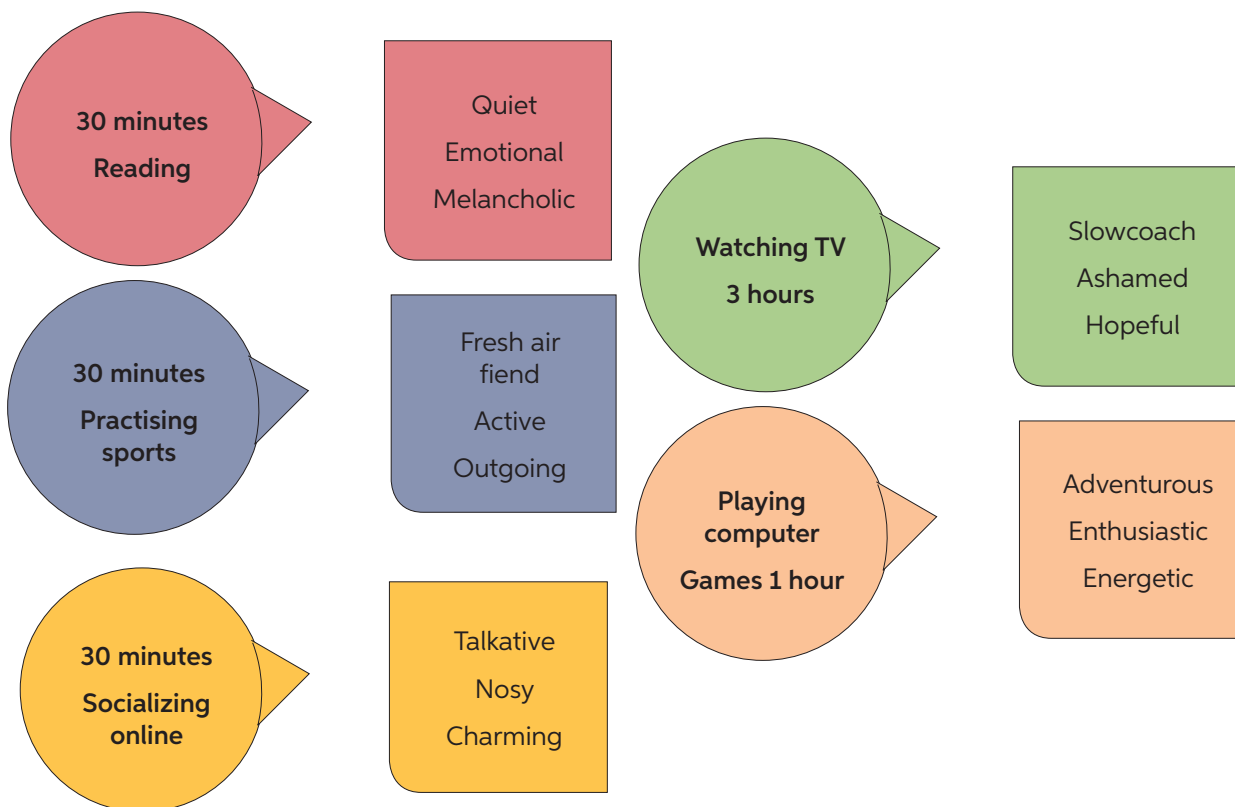


## EXPRESSIONS FOR TURN-TAKING (TO BEGIN)

- |                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Shall I begin? | 6.  |
| 2.                | 7.  |
| 3.                | 8.  |
| 4.                | 9.  |
| 5.                | 10. |

## ORAL MEDIATION

You recently found some information about the connection between Leisure time and Character among young people in a common day. You are meeting a classmate today who needs this information for a school project. You need to tell him/her about the information you found but you don't need to give your own opinion or take any kind of conclusion about it. (2 minutes).



## MONOLOGUE

Give a 4-5 minutes presentation on the following topic

PERSONALITY



Feel free to make any reference to the photograph but **do not** make a detailed description, please.

Following the next guidelines could be **useful** but not **compulsory**.

- \* Are you a moody person?
- \* I'm not ill, this is the way I am.
- \* We are more individualistic but obliged to be sociable.
- \* Is it tough to be in good mood all the day?

## INTERACTION

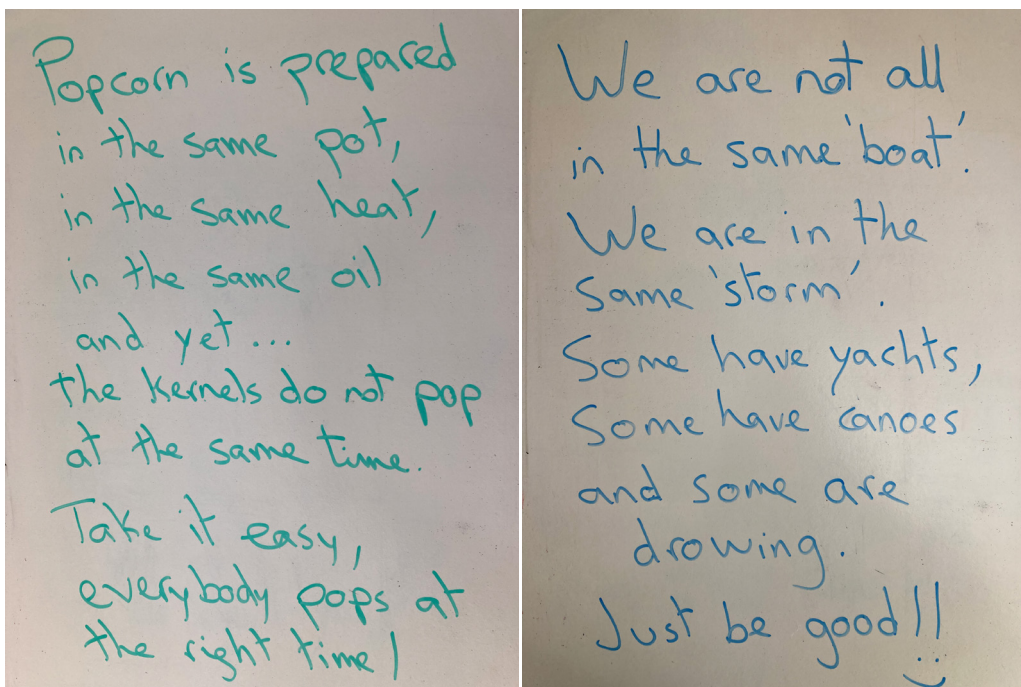
### PERSONALITY

Talk together and say:

- How do the following photographs relate to the topic?
- Has the Covid-19 pandemic brought up more personality disorders?

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

**Cross out the odd one:**

1. a) mate            b) came            c) ham
2. a) shut            b) far              c) much
3. a) march        b) bar              c) care
4. a) bare            b) share            c) calm
5. a) cup            b) cap              c) run
6. a) add            b) steak            c) land
7. a) pain            b) rain              c) back
8. a) hat            b) change          c) break
9. a) half            b) tap              c) pan
10. a) at            b) back             c) heart

**Find your way out choosing only the words with /ae/ sound.**

Mad	Can	Mate	Shut	Far	Bar	Dare
Plane	Change	Hat	Half	Care	Catch	Calm
Break	Bay	Bag	Great	Ran	Starve	Bank
Bath	Tap	At	Share	Has	Fun	Fat
Man	Card	Bare	Hut	Cash	Steak	Map
Back	Plan	Pan	Ham	Sun	Cup	Add
Wake	Cut	Came	Much	Harm	Trainer	Salt