

Compound adjectives to describe personalities:

Level-headed (con la testa sulle spalle)

Easy-going (alla mano, senza fronzoli)

Open-minded (di vedute aperte)

Even-tempered (pacifico)

Hard-working (stacanovista, solerte)

Self-confident (sicuro di sè)

Strong-willed (risoluto, determinato)

Warm-hearted (cordiale, caloroso)

Exercise 1. Look at these adjectives connected with personality. Which ones are positive, which are negative and which are neutral?

Adventurous – ambitious – assertive – bossy – cautious – creative – energetic – generous – moody – organised – quiet – reliable – sensible – sensitive – serious – sociable – talkative – thoughtful

Positive	Neutral	Negative

Tell me something about yourself

Name

Surname

Age

Degree course

Physical and personal characteristics

Hobbies

Future plans

Exercise 2. Match words 1-6 with words a-f to make compound adjectives connected with character

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| 1 | Easy- | a. willed |
| 2 | Open- | b. confident |
| 3 | Even- | c. going |
| 4 | Hard- | d. minded |
| 5 | Self- | e. tempered |
| 6 | Strong- | f. working |

Exercise 3. Match the meanings with a compound adjective from exercise 2
A person who...

- does not easily become angry even-tempered
- is determined to do what they want
- behaves in a calm way, even in difficult situations
- accepts other ideas and opinions
- makes a lot of effort
- believes in their own success

Exercise 4. Which kind of personality do you think each of these jobs should have? Why?

Actor – artist – computer programmer – film director – inventor – journalist – librarian – musician – police officer – football player – politician – tax inspector – teacher – writer – pharmacist – employee

Exercise 5. Match the adjectives about personality to their opposites

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| 1. generous | a. confident |
| 2. cheerful | b. pessimistic |
| 3. nervous | c. sociable |
| 4. insecure | d. serious |
| 5. shy | e. insensitive |
| 6. optimistic | f. fascinating |
| 7. sensitive | g. selfish |
| 8. boring | h. easy-going |