

*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  |

*State verbs*

Verbs that indicate a state of being (NO action)

Be, believe, like, understand, know, prefer, depend

We do not use state verbs in continuous forms

She knows a lot of ambitious people     ~~she is knowing a lot of ambitious people~~

*Present simple*     *present continuous (NO)*

She knew a lot of ambitious people     ~~she was knowing a lot of ambitious people~~

*Past simple*     *past continuous (NO)*

*Key language to express one's opinion*

In my opinion

I suggest

I suppose

I agree with

I disagree with

It sounds interesting/boring

This lesson sounds boring

I find it fascinating/amazing/irritating/breath-taking/exceptional

I find watching tv series a wonderful way to spend a cosy afternoon

It seems to me ...

It seems to me that he is doing a very good job

I am crazy/mad about..

I am crazy about watching Disney cartoons

I am fond of (TO BE FOND OF SOMETHING)

I am not fond of this method

Personally,

Frankly,

If you ask me, ...

If you think about it, ...

To be perfectly honest...

### *Commenting about an opinion*

That's a matter of opinion...

I suppose either you are interest or you're not

Are you joking?

Do you really think that...?

I agree

I disagree/don't agree

### *Adjectives to describe experiences*

Strange = Uncommon

Incredible = Unbelievable

Magical = Enchanting

Exciting = Stimulating

Exceptional = Extraordinary

Amazing = Marvellous

Unique = Special

Challenging = Difficult

Typical = Characteristic

Unexpected = surprising

### *Prefixes*

ANTI- antisocial

BI- bilingual

DIS- discomfort

EX- ex-president -> synonym: former  
MIS- misunderstand  
MONO- monorail  
OUT- outperform  
OVER- overconfident  
RE- redefine  
SEMI- semi-circle  
UNDER- underrated