

ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE PEOPLE'S PERSONALITY

brave - someone who isn't afraid of danger.

Example sentence: Mario is a coastguard. He is very **brave**. His job is to rescue people.

chatty - someone who talks a lot.

Example sentence: Maria is a very **chatty** person. She is always on the phone to friends.

clever - good at learning things.

Example sentence: Gerard is very **clever**. He always gets top marks in class.

cowardly - (*mildly negative*) someone who is afraid of things. (often described as "a bit of a coward")

Example sentence: Sylvia is **a bit of a coward**. She really hates going to the dentist!

easy-going - someone who is easy to get along with.

Example sentence: My husband is very **easy-going**.

friendly - someone who is nice to other people.

Example sentence: The people in my office are really **friendly!** I love working there!

funny - used to describe someone who is amusing.

Example sentence: Salem is really **funny!** He's always entertaining us with jokes and stories.

generous - someone who shares their time or things with others.

Example sentence: My parents are very **generous**. They bought me a car for my birthday!

grumpy - bad-tempered.

Example sentence: My boss is really **grumpy**. He isn't an easy person to get along with.

hard-working - someone who works very hard.

Example sentence: My brother is very **hard-working**. He hardly ever takes a day off.

honest - someone who is truthful and who doesn't cheat or steal.

Example sentence: Amina is a very **honest**. She always tells the truth.

kind - someone who behaves in a caring way towards other people.

Example sentence: Most of the people I've met here have been **kind**.

lazy - an inactive person who avoids work.

Example sentence: Pete is very **lazy**. He rarely gets out of bed before mid-afternoon.

loud - someone who talks really loudly.

Example sentence: Rosita is really **loud!** When she talks, she drowns everybody else out.

lucky - someone who often has good fortune.

Example sentence: My brother is very **lucky**. He's always winning prizes in competitions.

mean - 1) Someone who is a nasty person. 2) Someone who doesn't like spending money.

Example sentence: Phillip is very **mean**. He never pays for his share of things.

moody - adjective used to describe someone who behaves differently every time you meet them.

Example sentence: Nina is very **moody**. Yesterday she said hello; today she just ignored me.

nasty - a mean, unpleasant person. (the opposite of nice)

Example sentence: I don't really know any **nasty** people. Most people I know are very nice.

neat - a person who is very tidy.

Example sentence: My flatmate Jorge is very **neat** and well organised. His room is always tidy.

nervous - someone who is easily startled by things.

Example sentence: Anna is a very **nervous** person. She gets scared easily.

nice - someone who is friendly and kind. (the opposite of nasty)

Example sentence: My best friend Lin is a really **nice** person. She is always there for me.

polite - someone who has good manners.

Example sentence: Abdullah is a very **polite** boy. He always says please and thank you.

popular - somebody who is liked by many people.

Example sentence: My cousin Ali is very **popular**. He has a lot of friends.

quiet - used to describe someone who doesn't talk very much.

Example sentence: Helen is a **quiet** person. She isn't very talkative.

rude - bad mannered, impolite.

Example sentence: James is a very **rude** person. He always pushes in front of people in queues.

selfish - used to describe someone who only thinks about themselves.

Example sentence: Jeremy is very **selfish**. He never helps out with the housework.

serious - someone who is always very sensible (the opposite of silly).

Example sentence: Eric is very **serious** person. He never joins in when we play silly games.

shy - quiet and a little bit nervous around other people.

Example sentence: Claire is very **shy**. She doesn't speak much in class.

silly - someone who is a bit foolish, or who doesn't behave in a serious way.

Example sentence: Gina is a bit **silly**. She messes about in class when she should be working.

smart - 1) someone who takes a lot of care over their appearance

Example sentence: Anna is very **smart**. She is always neatly dressed.

smart - 2) someone who is very clever

Example sentence: Chia is very **smart**. She is one of the most intelligent people I know.

stupid - (*very negative and very impolite - sometimes used as an insult*) someone who is not clever.

Be careful when using this word! Using neutral adjectives to describe people is much safer.

tidy - someone who is very neat and well organised.

Example sentence: My sister is a very **tidy** person. I'm the opposite; I'm really untidy!

unlucky - someone who often suffers from bad fortune.

Example sentence: Sabrina is very **unlucky**. Things always seem to go wrong for her.