

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Speaking
Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, providing vocabulary, freer practice

Focus

Personality traits

Personality adjectives

Present simple yes/no questions and short answers

Aim

To practice asking and answering questions about personality traits.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this describing personality activity, students practice asking and answering questions about personality traits.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

First, go through the items on the worksheet and elicit the questions the students need to ask in order to do the activity, e.g. 'Do you like to try new or exciting things?'

Students then go around the class, asking and answering the questions about personality traits and completing the worksheet with classmates' answers.

When a classmate answers 'yes' to a question, the student writes down their name and asks them to give an example of the trait, e.g. 'Last week, I went skydiving.'

It is important to tell the students that they can only have the same name once (or twice if the class is small). This is to encourage the students to speak to as many different partners as possible.

Afterwards, go through each item and elicit the adjective that describes the personality trait and have the students share any interesting examples with the class.

Answer key

Adventurous: likes to try new or exciting things

Energetic: has a lot of energy and is very active

Loyal: always supportive of their friends and family

Fair: treats everyone equally and in a reasonable way

Ambitious: determined to be successful, rich or famous

Stubborn: doesn't like to change their opinion or attitude

Hard-working: always working very hard

Sympathetic: easily understands the feelings of other people

Bossy: likes to tell other people what to do

Decisive: makes choices or decides what to do quickly and confidently

Easygoing: relaxed, calm, and easy to get along with

Curious: always wants to find out about something

Optimistic: has a positive attitude about the future

Reserved : is quiet and doesn't express their feelings openly

Bold: confident and not afraid of people

Cautious: careful to avoid problems or danger

Find someone who...	Name	Example
likes to try new or exciting things.		
has a lot of energy and is very active.		
is always supportive of their friends and family.		
treats everyone equally and in a reasonable way.		
is determined to be successful, rich or famous.		
is doesn't like to change their opinion or attitude.		
is always working very hard.		
easily understands the feelings of other people.		
likes to tell other people what to do.		
makes choices or decides what to do quickly and confidently.		
is relaxed, calm, and easy to get along with.		
always wants to find out about something.		
has a positive attitude about the future.		
is quiet and doesn't express their feelings openly.		
is confident and not afraid of people.		
is careful to avoid problems or danger.		