

considerate - thoughtful
level-headed - vyrovnaný, uvažlivý
courteous - zdvořilý, ušlechtilý
big-headed - namyšlený
grumpy - mrzutý, nalomený
dependable - spolehlivý

doesn't jump into conclusions
level-headed = balanced
affectionate - milující

tolerant - narrow-minded (malicherný, úzkoprsý)
generous - tight-fisted
considerate - thoughtless (netochtní)
self-confident - insecure
outgoing - reserved
level-headed - hot-headed (uhvápený, do nitka černý)
courteous - ill-mannered
big-headed - modest

grumpy - cheerless
dependable - unreliable
naive - sophisticated
(nětáznaší, křivoní, přepracované) I
argumentative - complacent
(odstý, podstý) y

Vocabulary

Character adjectives

1 Match character adjectives a-j with meanings 1-10.

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|---|---------------|----|----------------------------|
| a | mature | 1 | curious |
| b | decisive | 2 | outgoing |
| c | motivated | 3 | adult |
| d | sensitive | 4 | aiming high |
| e | inquisitive | 5 | keen |
| f | ambitious | 6 | withdrawn |
| g | independent | 7 | wanting to do things well |
| h | conscientious | 8 | self-reliant |
| i | introverted | 9 | firm |
| j | extrovert | 10 | aware of people's feelings |

2 Which of the adjectives in 1 are generally positive and which negative? Give examples.

3 Read the dictionary entry for words similar in meaning to *honest*. Use this information to complete sentences a-c below.

WHICH WORD?

Honest and **frank** refer to *what* you say as much as *how* you say it: *a(n) honest/frank admission of guilt*. They are generally positive words, although it is possible to be *too* frank in a way that other people might not like. **Direct**, **outspoken** and **blunt** all describe sb's manner of saying what they think. **Outspoken** suggests that you are willing to shock people by saying what you believe to be right. **Blunt** and **direct** often suggest that you think honesty is more important than being polite. **Open** is positive and describes sb's character: *I'm a very open person*.

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- a I hope you don't mind me being *frank*, but that dress really doesn't suit you.
- b Some journalists are deliberately *outspoken* - they don't care who they upset, they just want a good story.
- c You should ask Nick's opinion. You can trust him to tell you the truth, he's so *open*.

4 Discuss questions a and b.

- a Which five character adjectives do you think a friend would use to describe you?
- b Do you think we are born with certain character traits, or is our character formed as we grow up?

Vocabulary

Easily confused words (1)

1 Choose the correct verbs in a–h to complete the collocations. 1

- a I wasn't enjoying myself so I ~~made~~ *made* an excuse and left. (did/put/made)
- b The director promised my sister a part in the film – he'd better ~~keep~~ *keep* his word. (keep/hold/take)
- c We're planning to ~~throw~~ *throw* a party to celebrate Tina's good news. (make/throw/do)
- d He ~~told~~ *told* a lie when the police interviewed him and now he's in big trouble. (told/said/spoke)
- e The first chapter of a book usually ~~sets~~ *sets* the scene for what happens later. (lays/puts/sets) 2
- f Everyone else was furious when one man ~~jumped~~ *jumped* the queue for tickets. (overtook/jumped/missed)
- g That film was so complicated – I didn't ~~follow~~ *have* a clue what was going on! (follow/get/have) 3
- h It's very hard to ~~earn~~ *earn* a living as an actor. (earn/get/gain)

2 Read the dictionary entry below to find the adverb that collocates best with *disappointed*. Then choose the most suitable word in sentences a–c. Check your ideas in a dictionary.

disappointed *disə'pɔɪntɪd/adj.*
upset because sth you hoped for has not happened or been as good, successful, etc. as you expected: ~ (at/by sth) They were **bitterly disappointed** at the result of the game. ~ I was disappointed by the quality of the wine. ~ (in/with sb/sth) I'm disappointed in you—I really thought I could trust you! ~ I was very disappointed with myself. ~ (to see, hear, etc.) He was disappointed to see she wasn't at the party. ~ (that...) I'm disappointed (that) it was sold out. ~ (not) to be... She was disappointed not to be chosen.

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- a Amanda's (highly/fully) competitive with her more successful older sister. 4
- b It was (immediately/clearly) obvious that there was no way we could reach the airport in time.
- c She is an extremely strict teacher and expects (whole/total) obedience from her pupils.

3 Complete questions a–c, using your answers from 1 above, then discuss each question.

- a Do you generally queue in your country? What happens if you the queue?
- b How would you most like to a living?
- c Has anyone ever not their word to you? What happened?

make an excuse, offer
make a mistake, proposal, contract
make peace
keep someone's word
keep in mind
keep an eye on
throw a party, dinner
tell a lie
tell the truth
tell fortunes
set the scene
set a test
set an example
set fire to
set the table
lay the table
set the alarm clock for
jump the queue
have a clue
earn the living