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Personality

Test it

1 Find and correct five mistakes.

FIND YOUR PERFECT DATE



Leela (born 1975)
I could ^{be} have perfect for you. I'm a person kind and I'm sensitive.

Pravin (born 1980)
Email me! I'm optimist. My friends say I'm very interested.

Sameer (born 1987)
I am a great sense of humour. I'm also very romantic and I'm looking for love!

Deepak (born 1971)
I'm a hard worker with big ambitions. I'm not boring but I am a lot of common sense.

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NEW MEMBERS – REGISTER  || EXISTING MEMBERS – LOG IN 

2 Complete the lists.

Adjective	Opposite	Adjective	Opposite
boring	... <i>interesting</i>	f cheerful
a sensitive	g optimistic
b generous	h hard-working
c serious	i clever
d ambitious	j nice
e honest		

3 Circle the correct option.

- Stop making that noise! It's very irritated/ irritating.
- Sridhar's a very bored/boring person. He just works all the time.
 - I'm interesting/interested in all sorts of things.
 - Juhi has a fascinated/fascinating personality.
 - Manish can be very frightened/frightening when he's angry.
 - Although Zaeid is annoying/annoyed sometimes, I like him a lot.

GO to page 60 and check your answers.

Test it again

1 Rewrite the words in bold so that they have the opposite meaning.

- Varun is **kind** and **optimistic**. *unkind*..... *pessimistic*.....
- a** Natasha is **generous** and **honest**.
- b** Mayank is **hard-working** and **clever**.
- c** Sheila is **serious** and **ambitious**.
- d** Kiran is **nasty** and **insensitive**.

2 Look at the table and complete the descriptions. Add a word or complete the word.

	Karan	Taniya
good sense of humour	✓	
romantic	X	X
ambitious	✓	✓
common sense		✓
hard worker	✓	
stupid		X
sensitive	X	
optimist	✓	
honest		X

- a** Karan *has*..... a good sense of humour but he's __romantic and a bit __sensitive. He is an.....,, and
- b** Taniya's __romantic. She is ambitious and a lot of common sense. She's but she's also

3 Find and correct five mistakes.

My friend Rohan is an ~~interested~~ guy. He's fascinating to *interesting*.....
 talk to because he knows so much about the world. He isn't
 a lot of common sense because he's too romantic so he's
 always thinking about love instead of dealing with problems.
 I think he's optimist but he says he isn't. He is annoyed
 sometimes, especially when he's ~~diskind~~ about people,
 but I like him anyway.



Fix it

Answers to Test it

Check your answers. Wrong answer?

Read the right Fix it note to find out why.

- 1**
- have be → **A**
 - a person-kind kind person → **A**
 - b I'm-optimist I'm optimistic/
I'm an optimist → **A**
 - c interested interesting → **C**
 - d am-a-good-sense-of-humour
have a good sense of humour → **B**
 - e am-a-lot-of-common-sense
have a lot of common sense → **B**
- 2**
- interesting → **D**
 - a insensitive → **D**
 - b selfish/mean → **D**
 - c funny → **D**
 - d unambitious → **D**
 - e dishonest → **D**
 - f miserable → **D**
 - g pessimistic → **D**
 - h lazy → **D**
 - i stupid → **D**
 - j nasty/horrible → **D**
- 3**
- irritating → **C**
 - a boring → **C**
 - b interested → **C**
 - c fascinating → **C**
 - d frightening → **C**
 - e annoying → **C**

Now go to page 59. Test yourself again.

Answers to Test it again

- 1**
- a selfish/mean; dishonest
 - b lazy; stupid
 - c funny; unambitious
 - d nice; sensitive
- 2**
- a un-; in-; optimist; hard worker;
ambitious
 - b un-; has; clever; dishonest
- 3**
- interested interesting; isn't hasn't
got/doesn't have; optimist an
optimist; annoyed annoying;
diskind unkind



Fix it notes

- A** Use **be** + adjective (*I'm cheerful*), **be** + **a/an** + noun (*I'm an optimist*) or **be** + **a/an** + adjective + noun (*I'm a cheerful person*) to describe the sort of person you are. The adjective goes before the noun or after **be**.
- B** Use **have** + noun with some personal characteristics, e.g. have a sense of humour.
- C** Adjectives ending in **-ed** have different meanings from similar adjectives ending in **-ing**.
- D** Form the opposite of some adjectives with **un-**, **dis-** and **in-**. Other adjectives have opposites that are a new word, e.g. cheerful/miserable.

For more information, see the Review page opposite.

i Review

Adjectives and nouns

You often describe people's characters or personalities by using the verb **be** and an adjective. This is the most common way of talking about character and personality.

He's nice. *She's cheerful.* *They're clever.*

If you use **be** with an adjective and a noun, you put the adjective before the noun and after the verb **be**.

He's a nice person. *She's a cheerful woman.* *They are clever boys.*

You can also put a noun after the verb **be** to describe people.

Karan is an optimist. *Taniya is a pessimist.* *She's a hard worker.*

You can describe people by using **have (got)** and a noun.

Rik has a great sense of humour.
I'm afraid Sarah hasn't got a lot of common sense.

Note that you use **a** with **sense of humour** but not with **common sense**. A sense of humour is countable; common sense is uncountable. You can't say 'a common sense'.

Opposites

You make the opposites of some adjectives by adding a prefix to the adjective.

Some of the most common prefixes are **un-**, **in-** and **dis-**.

happy → **unhappy** **ambitious** → **unambitious**
sensitive → **insensitive** **honest** → **dishonest**

With some adjectives, you can't do this. You need to learn what the opposite is because it's a new word.

hard-working → **lazy** **cheerful** → **miserable**
nice → **nasty** **generous** → **selfish**

-ing and **-ed**

Be careful of adjectives that look similar. They don't mean the same thing.

Someone can be **interested** in something but they can also be **interesting**.

Tony's interested in music. *Tony is interesting.*
 (Tony likes music.) (I like being with Tony; he isn't boring.)
Farhan is annoyed. *Farhan is annoying.*
 (Something is making him angry.) (Farhan is making me angry.)

For more information on **-ing** and **-ed** adjectives, see *Test it, Fix it: Grammar Level 1, page 41*.