

Vocabulary 1 jobs; personality adjectives

1 Complete the sentences with these words.

actor architect astronaut athlete
camera operator cook firefighter hairdresser
lawyer librarian politician soldier

- A(n) actor is a person who performs in films and plays.
- A(n) camera operator films live events, usually for a television or cinema company.
- A(n) firefighter helps people in emergencies, especially if something is burning.
- A(n) hairdresser cuts people's hair.
- A(n) cook prepares food for other people.
- A(n) astronaut travels in space.
- A(n) lawyer gives people advice about the law.
- A(n) soldier has to defend his or her country in difficult situations.
- A(n) librarian works in a place with lots of books and other media that people can use or borrow.
- A(n) politician helps to manage the country.
- A(n) athlete is usually very fit and trains for competitions.
- A(n) architect designs new buildings.

2 Choose one of these adjectives to describe each person.

cheerful confident lazy patient
shy sociable

- Talia never does any homework. She's so lazy.
- My brother is very shy and never talks to anyone that he doesn't know.
- My history teacher is very patient and doesn't get angry if you make a mistake.
- I was a bit nervous during my first few driving lessons, but now I feel much more confident.
- Everybody looks cheerful when the weather is good. They're all smiling and happy.
- My flatmate is very sociable and often meets up with friends.

3 Complete the description with these words.

anxious cheerful confident generous
hard-working honest nervous patient
reliable shy

My cousin Michelle is a very ¹ anxious person and she worries a lot about things in general. She's really ² nervous before big exams, for example. Luckily, she's a very ³ hardworking student and she always gets good results because she studies so much. She was quite ⁴ shy and didn't speak much when she was younger, especially to people she didn't know. Now she speaks much more and looks quite ⁵ confident when she's with others.

In general, she's not a very ⁶ cheerful person and doesn't smile or laugh much. But I like her because she's ⁷ reliable and is always on time. She's also very ⁸ honest and never says things that aren't true. She's quite ⁹ generous and always lends me her clothes when I want to borrow them. I also think she's very ¹⁰ patient because she stops and listens when you want to explain or talk about something.

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- She's always helping other people. She's a very generous / serious person.
- My aunt works ten hours a day and at weekends. She's very confident / hard-working.
- Jules never worries about anything. He's so relaxed / nervous.
- He never gets up before 10 a.m. and doesn't work hard. I think he's really lazy / unkind.
- It's cold and wet, and everybody on the bus looks miserable / cheerful.
- Some of his friends were very sociable / jealous of his success.
- Greta always does what she promises. She's very anxious / reliable.
- She's very confident / hard-working in all kinds of social situations.
- Those people were very unkind / lazy to you just now.
- My friend is very unkind / patient and always waits for me when I'm late.
- I have a test tomorrow, but I feel really calm / shy about it because I have studied a lot.
- Driving fast in the city centre is really patient / dangerous.

Grammar 1

present simple
continuous; stative verbs

1 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 I take (take) the early train on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- 2 Lin often helps (help) the staff in a local café.
- 3 These machines work (work) very well when it's cold.
- 4 We have (have) three hours of lessons on Monday mornings.
- 5 Can we speak later? I am watching (watch) a film.
- 6 What time are you leaving (you / leave) for school tomorrow?

2 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 My sister owns / ~~is owning~~ a shop.
- 2 I 'm seeing / I see a few friends later.
- 3 My little brother is / ~~is being~~ very shy.
- 4 I don't like / I'm not liking Indian food.
- 5 This sandwich is tasting / ~~tastes~~ really good.
- 6 We 're meeting / We meet just after dinner this evening.

3 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

People say that my sister and I ¹ are (be) similar, but I ² don't believe (not believe) that. She's a firefighter. She ³ works (work) hard, often in difficult situations. At the moment, she ⁴ is doing (do) a special training course at a fire station in London.

My sister ⁵ says (say) that fires often ⁶ start (start) because people ⁷ don't think (not think) about the possible dangers in their homes. She ⁸ is always telling (always / tell) me to turn off my computer and TV.

