

Hand-out 1

What adjectives would you use to describe these people?

1. Linda wants to become a top fashion designer.
2. Nick always makes everybody laugh.
3. Bob often buys things for his brothers and sisters.
4. Sue learns quickly and understands new things easily.
5. Phil is never worried that he's going to do something stupid.
6. It's so easy to upset Ann. If you say the wrong thing you will hurt her feelings.
7. Jane never does anything stupid.
8. Paul only thinks of his own needs and never thinks about other people.
9. Dick often promises to do things but half the time he forgets.
10. Jessica never shows her feelings.

intelligent, sensible, self-confident, reserved, generous, ambitious, sensitive, unreliable, selfish, funny.

Hand-out 2

Mrs. Hudson is confident and powerful. She worked as an accountant for thirty five years and can't put up with the fact that she is a pensioner now. She is capricious and self-willed, punctual and scrupulous.

Robert is a rather shy and modest man. It's difficult for him to communicate with people. He tries to hide it and sometimes can be too talkative and familiar. He is thoughtful and serious, and likes being alone.

Mr. Wilson is a cruel and insensitive person. He often can't control his emotions and blows off steam. He is a double-faced person. So he can seem rather sympathetic and kind-hearted. Be careful! He is wanted for a murder.

Marianna is a greedy and showy person. She runs a bar and an expert in wines. She is reserved and never shows her real feelings.

Dominic is tough and competitive as he is a managing director of a big firm. He is determined, self-possessed and strong-willed. At the same time he is communicative, just and considerate.

Linda is a broad-minded and well-educated person. She is good at studying. She is ambitious and persistent and never gives up. Linda is reliable and you can be sure that she won't let you down.

Hand-out 3

Do you feel you are a different person in different situations?

Do you speak differently when you are with different people? Who? When?

Do you argue with some people but not others?

Who do you argue with? When?

Do you feel that you are more talkative with people of your age than with adults?

Why?

Hand-out 4

Listen to the descriptions of Sue and try to guess who speak about her. Match the descriptions to people: her father, mother, friend, boy-friend, neighbour.

What are the features of character each person is speaking about?

Try to describe Sue using traits of her character from the descriptions.



Hand-out 5

Give advice to people using conditional sentences (III type) and say what could have been done not to let things go wrong:

Example: Greg refused to congratulate Helen's mother on her birthday. Helen decided not to speak to him.

Greg regrets about his behavior: If I hadn't refused to congratulate Helen's mother, we wouldn't have quarreled.

1. Jane was two hours late for a meeting. When she arrived Jack had already left.
2. Michael was afraid of the dog and tried to run away. Rachel didn't respect him anymore.
3. Kate loved to laugh at Nick. He decided not to go out with her.

4. Margaret was wearing an ugly dress. Nobody danced with her at the party.
5. Henry was arrogant so nobody loved him.
6. Herbert asked too many questions and was a real bore. His classmates didn't invite him for a walk.

Hand-out 6 A

Dear Problem Page,

I'm writing to you to ask for advice. I have been to a date recently. It was awful. I'd like to know what I should have done not to be in such a situation.

Sam got my name from a friend. He rang me and invited me to see a film. I accepted, but though I explained that it was time for my piano practice, he started talking about himself, and there was no stopping him. I couldn't have said anything even if I had wanted to!

When he came to pick me up, I was getting ready. When I came to the door and saw the ridiculous outfit he was wearing, I almost died of embarrassment. Then he suggested that we took a bus. I didn't know where to look.

He invited me to the cinema. During the film he laughed so loudly that everybody turned round to look at us. I whispered "Be quiet" several times but it had no effect. He also made a loud noise eating his popcorn. I was so embarrassed.

Then he took me to a fast food restaurant, and insisted on ordering a whole meal for me. It was awful. I wasn't even hungry.

Would I go out with him again? I never want to see him again. He was so insensitive. But may be everything could have gone in a different way?

I am looking to your advice.

Best regards,

Susan.

Hand-out 6 B

Dear Problem Page,

I'm writing to you to get advice about my recent date. The matter is I have done my best to organize the date, but I feel that something went wrong. Could you help me please?

Susan is a friend of George. He told me that she had a lovely personality and was really pretty, so I rang her and asked her for a date. I was delighted when she agreed but it was really difficult talking to her. She wouldn't say a word. I had to carry on the whole conversation myself.

I arrived on time. Her mum answered the door and asked me what I wanted. I explained that I was Susan's date. I think she was impressed by my clothes, and you should have seen Susan's face when she came to the door! As we walked to the bus stop she grumbled that Damian always took her out by car. I told her that she looked lovely!

We went to the cinema. The film was very funny, but she kept muttering throughout. She was a real bore!

I invited her to have a snack at the fast food restaurant. She let me order an extra large meal and she didn't even touch it. She explained that she was still full from lunch, but I think she wanted to go somewhere more expensive.

I would like to phone her again but she behaved terribly, and never apologized. I don't know what to do.

I'm looking forward to your answer.

Best wishes,

Sam.