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That's my kind of friend!

1 Complete these descriptions with the words from the list.

- Eric is so modest! He always has such great ideas and never takes any credit for them.
- The Wongs like meeting new people and having friends over for dinner. They're one of the most _____ couples I know.
- You can't trust Alice. She always promises to do something, but then she never does it. She's pretty _____.
- James wants to be an actor. It's hard to break into the business, but his family is very _____ of his dream.
- I never know how to act around Lisa! One minute she's in a good mood, and the next minute she's in a bad mood. She's so _____.

- modest
- outgoing
- supportive
- temperamental
- unreliable

2 Opposites

- A Complete the chart by forming the opposites of the adjectives in the list. Use *in-* and *un-*. Then check your answers in a dictionary.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attractive | <input type="checkbox"/> dependent | <input type="checkbox"/> formal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> competent | <input type="checkbox"/> experienced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> helpful | <input type="checkbox"/> reliable | <input type="checkbox"/> cooperative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> popular | <input type="checkbox"/> sensitive |



Opposites with <i>in-</i>	Opposites with <i>un-</i>
<u>incompetent</u> _____	<u>unattractive</u> _____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- B Write four more sentences using any of the words in part A.

- Alan is very incompetent at work. He makes a lot of mistakes.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



3 Add *who* or *that* to the conversation where necessary. Put an X where *who* or *that* is not necessary.

- A: I'm looking for someone _____ **X** _____ I can go on vacation with.
 B: Hmm. So what kind of person are you looking for?
 A: I want to travel with someone _____ is easygoing and independent.
 B: Right. And you'd probably also like a person _____ is reliable.
 A: Yeah, and I want someone _____ I know well.
 B: So why don't you ask me?
 A: You? I know you too well!
 B: Ha! Does that mean you think I'm someone _____ is high-strung, dependent, and unreliable?
 A: No! I'm just kidding. You're definitely someone _____ I could go on vacation with. So, . . . what are you doing in June?

4 Complete the sentences with *who* or *that* and your own information or ideas.



1. I generally like to go out with people who are easygoing and have a sense of humor _____.
2. I'd rather travel with someone _____.
3. I don't really want a roommate _____.
4. My classmates and I like teachers _____.
5. My best friend and I want to meet people _____.
6. Most workers would prefer a boss _____.
7. Some people don't like stingy types _____.
8. I don't want to have inflexible friends _____.
9. I feel comfortable discussing my problems with friends _____.
10. My favorite friends are people _____.

5 Two of a kind?

A Read the article. What six personality types are discussed?

DO OPPOSITES ATTRACT EACH OTHER?

Some psychologists believe that we are attracted to people who seem to have the characteristics that we wish we had. For example, if you love music but don't play an instrument, you might be attracted to someone who is a musician. Being with that person allows you to be close to something that is important to you and that you want more of in your life.

Because people are very complex, we can be attracted to several different kinds of people who are our opposites in one way or another. So let's take a look at six principal kinds of characteristics in people, and you can decide which type you are most like and which type is your opposite.

Let's begin with introverted and extroverted people. Introverted people often spend a lot of time inside their minds and can be quiet and reserved. Extroverted people enjoy getting out and spending time with other people. If opposites attract, then there will always be an interest between introverted and extroverted people. Introverted people will get out of their minds and into the world with their extroverted friends or partners, while extroverted people will appreciate the quiet space of the inner world of their introverted friends or partners.

Then there are people who relate to the world from a thinking perspective and others who relate to it from a feeling perspective. Thinkers can be cool and objective in their judgments, while feelers may be warm and passionate about theirs. Because people who spend a lot of time thinking want to feel deeply too, they may be attracted to a feeling kind of person. And someone who is very aware of their own powerful feelings may enjoy the company of a relaxed and logical thinker.

Two other characteristics are those of people who use their five senses to understand the world we live in as opposed to those who use their intuition. Sensing people are very aware of the present moment; they are realistic and practical people. Intuitive people, on the other hand, often spend their time in a future of infinite possibilities where their imagination is as free as a bird. The attraction here could be that intuitive people realize they need the practical know-how of sensing people in order to make their dreams come true. Likewise, the sensors are attracted to the imaginative possibilities they see in intuitive people.

These three different pairs of personality characteristics – the introvert and the extrovert, the thinker and the feeler, and the sensor and the intuitive – are of course found in each individual person. Yet many psychologists believe that a person will more often use one characteristic of each pair, in the same way that people use either their left hand or their right. And, according to the idea that opposites attract, the left hand needs the right hand in the same way that the right hand needs the left!



B Based on the information in the article, what kind of people are you attracted to? Circle the words. Then, using the idea that opposites attract, complete the next sentence with the type of person you must be.

1. I am more attracted to a person who is (introverted / extroverted). Therefore, I am _____.
2. I am more attracted to a person who is a (thinker / feeler). Therefore, I am a _____.
3. I am more attracted to a person who is the (sensing type / intuitive type). Therefore, I am a _____.

C Do you agree with the kind of person you seem to be according to part B? Why or why not?



6 Match the clauses in column A with the most suitable clauses in column B.

A	B
1. I like it ____	a. when someone criticizes me in front of other people.
2. I don't mind it ____	b. when people are easygoing and friendly.
3. It upsets me ____	c. when rich people are stingy.
4. It embarrasses me ____	d. when people are a few minutes late for an appointment.

7 Write sentences about these situations. Use the expressions in the box.

I love it . . . I can't stand it . . . I don't like it . . .
 It upsets me . . . It bothers me . . . I don't mind it . . .
 I really like it . . . It makes me happy . . . It makes me angry . . .



1. I don't like it when
people cut in line.



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

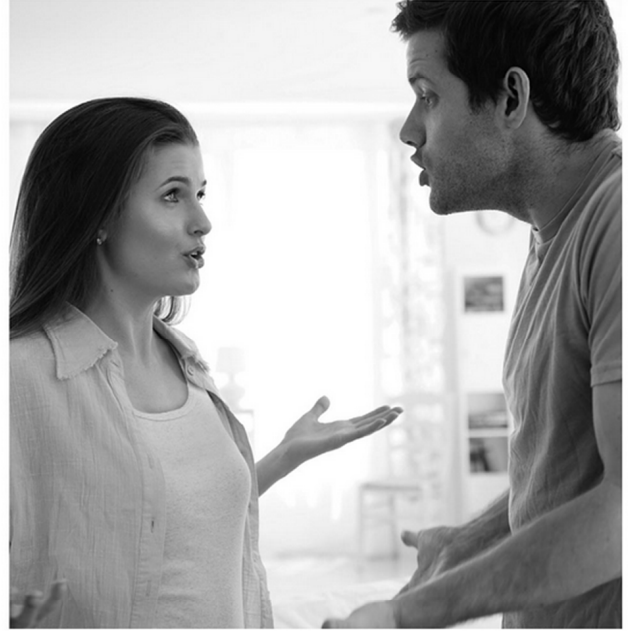
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What are some things you like and don't like about people? Write two sentences about each of the following. Use the ideas in the pictures and your own ideas.



1. What I really like:

I love it when someone
is generous and gives me flowers.
It makes me happy when



2. What I don't like:

It bothers me when



3. What doesn't bother me:

I don't mind it when



4. What upsets me:

It upsets me when

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It really bugs me!

Choose one thing from Exercise 8 that really embarrasses, bothers, or upsets you. Write two paragraphs about it. In the first paragraph, describe the situation. In the second paragraph, say why this situation is difficult for you and describe a situation you would prefer.

It really embarrasses me when someone is too generous to me. Recently, I dated a guy who was always giving me things. For my birthday, he bought me an expensive necklace, and he treated me to dinner and a movie.

The problem is, I don't have enough money to treat him in the same way. I'd prefer to date someone I have more in common with. In fact, my ideal boyfriend is someone who is sensible and saves his money!



10

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. I can tell Simon anything, and I know he won't tell anyone else. I can really _____ him.
(believe / treat / trust)
2. Kay has a very high opinion of herself. I don't like people who are so _____.
(egotistical / temperamental / supportive)
3. It bothers me when people are too serious. I prefer people who are _____ and have a good sense of humor. (easygoing / inflexible / reliable)
4. I like it when someone expresses strong _____. Hearing other people's views can really make you think. (accomplishments / compliments / opinions)
5. Lisa is very rich, but she only spends her money on herself. She's very _____.
(generous / modest / stingy)

2

Working 9 to 5

1 What's your job?

A Match the jobs with their definitions.

A/An ...	is a person who
1. comedian <u>f</u>	a. researches environmentally friendly technologies
2. green researcher _____	b. helps students with their problems
3. guidance counselor _____	c. controls a company's brand online
4. organic food farmer _____	d. creates computer applications
5. social media manager _____	e. grows food without chemicals
6. software developer _____	f. makes people laugh for a living

B Write a definition for each of these jobs: accountant, fashion designer, and flight attendant.

1. *An accountant is someone who* _____
2. _____
3. _____

2 Challenging or frightening?

A Which words have a positive meaning, and which ones have a negative meaning? Write P or N.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| awful <u>N</u> | fantastic _____ |
| boring _____ | fascinating _____ |
| challenging _____ | frightening _____ |
| dangerous _____ | interesting _____ |
| difficult _____ | rewarding _____ |



B Write about four more jobs you know. Use the words in part A and gerund phrases.

1. *I think being a comedian would be fascinating.* _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

3 Career choices

A Match each career and the most appropriate job responsibility.

Careers	Job responsibilities
work for an airline with computers as a high school coach	do research teach discipline and fitness learn new software programs
be a university professor a writer	work independently travel to different countries

B Use the information from part A and gerund phrases to complete this conversation.

Teri: So, what kind of career would you like, Jack?

Jack: Well, I'm not exactly sure.
_____ *Being a writer* _____ could be interesting. Maybe blogging about something I'm interested in.

Teri: Hmm. I don't know if I'd like that because I'd have to write every day.

Jack: What do you want to do, then?

Teri: Well, I'm not sure either! I'd love _____ . I'd really enjoy being with teenagers all day and _____. On the other hand, I'd be interested in _____ .



Jack: Really? What would you like about that?

Teri: Well, I'd love _____ all over the world.

Jack: Oh, I could never do that! I think it would be very tiring work.

C Write a short conversation like the one in part B. Use the remaining information in part A or your own ideas.

A: So, what kind of career would you like?

B: Well, I'm not exactly sure. _____

A: That sounds interesting. But I wouldn't like it because _____

B: What do you want to do then?

A: Well, I'd love _____

B: _____

A: _____

4 What a job!

A Read the magazine interviews. Write the correct job title above each interview. There are two extra jobs.

architect

freelance artist

preschool teacher

university professor

bus driver

house painter

train conductor

website designer

TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB

1 _____

I have always enjoyed making things, and what's more interesting than building something that people will use for years? The challenge of discovering exactly how a space needs to be constructed for maximum usefulness and beauty is what makes me wake up with a smile. I often work late at the office, but that's part of the job.

2 _____

Working for yourself is hard because you're responsible for everything. If no one calls you and asks you to work for them, you have to go out and look for work. Luckily, I now have some regular clients. I paint pictures for some expensive hotels. Right now, I'm doing some paintings for the rooms of a new hotel in Hawaii.

3 _____

My friends say my work is less demanding than theirs, but I work just as hard as they do. I spend a lot of time alone because my job can't begin until all the construction work is completed. Usually, the rooms look great when I've finished my work. Sometimes I don't like the colors that customers choose, but I have to do what they want.

4 _____

These days a lot of people are doing what I've been doing for fifteen years. I work closely with my clients to find out exactly what they want to show on the Internet and how to make it look as attractive as possible. My work requires a good eye for art, a command of clear and precise language, and of course, knowledge of the latest technology.



5 _____

I meet all kinds of people: some are the best and others aren't so good. Sometimes I have a great conversation with someone I've never met before. And of course, I have my regulars, people I see every day, and we talk about life. But I always keep my attention on the road.

6 _____

Being with kids all day isn't for everyone, but I love it. I take care of children when their parents are away. I do all kinds of things – I teach, I play games, and I read books. I make sure the children are safe and happy. I have a lot of responsibility, but I love my job. It's very rewarding work even though the pay isn't great.

B Underline the words and phrases that helped you find the answers in part A.



5

First, use words from the list to complete each job title. Then choose the best expressions to compare the jobs in each sentence.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> ranger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> worker |

- A child-care _____ worker _____ doesn't earn _____ as much as _____ an accountant.
 as much as greater than worse than
- A chef's _____ has _____ a waiter.
 worse hours than not as good hours as worse hours as
- A dog _____ is _____ a student intern.
 more interesting than not as boring as better paid than
- A house _____ earns _____ a camp counselor.
 as bad as more than not more than
- A park _____ is _____ a landscaper.
 as bad as not as well paid as worse than
- Being a yoga _____ is _____ being a professor.
 more than as much as not as difficult as
- Being an interior _____ is _____ being a sales assistant.
 greater than earns more than more interesting than
- A guidance _____ has _____ a gardener.
 more responsibility than not more than not as long as

6

Complete these sentences with the correct prepositions. Some of the prepositions may be used more than once. More than one answer may be possible.

- Chonglin works _____ the best Chinese restaurant in Los Angeles.
- I think working _____ other people is more fun than working alone.
- I would hate working _____ the media. It would be nerve-racking!
- Working _____ a dance instructor sounds great.
- Working _____ an office is less interesting than working _____ a cruise ship.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | with |

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Use the words in parentheses to compare the jobs.

<p>Assistant needed at an outdoor swimming pool. Must be able to swim. Responsible for keeping pool and changing rooms clean. \$12/hour. Tues.–Fri. 12–7.</p>	<p>Learn web design! In search of a bright young person to work as an intern for an advertising agency. Some clerical work. \$15/hour. Mon.–Fri. 9–5.</p>
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1. **A:** An assistant at a swimming pool has shorter hours than an intern.
(shorter hours)
- B:** Yes, but working as an intern is more interesting than being a swimming pool assistant.
(interesting)

<p>Travel agency needs energetic people. Knowledge of a second language is a plus. Mostly answering the phone. \$18/hour. Flexible hours. Five vacation days a year.</p>	<p>Tutors in math, science, English, and music wanted at private summer school. Challenging work with gifted teenagers. Salary negotiable. Mon.–Sat. 3–7.</p>
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2. **A:** Working in a
(better benefits)
- B:** Yes, but working
(challenging)

<p>Tennis instructor needed at summer camp for 12- and 13-year-olds. Must be excellent tennis player and good with kids. \$18/hour. Mon.–Fri. 1–7.</p>	<p>Tour company seeks guide to lead bus tours. Great attitude and good speaking voice a must! Fun work, but must be willing to work long hours. \$15/hour.</p>
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3. **A:** _____
(make as much money)
- B:** _____
(work longer hours)

<p>City seeks taxi drivers for morning shift. No experience necessary; driver's license required. \$15/hour plus tips. Mon.–Thu. 7 A.M.–2 P.M.</p>	<p>Office assistant required in small, friendly office. Computer skills an advantage. Interesting work. Some management skills necessary. \$20/hour. 6-day week.</p>
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4. **A:** _____
(a shorter work week)
- B:** _____
(less boring)