

- a Read the two emails once and answer the questions.
- 1 Why has Stephanie written to Claudia?
 - 2 Does Claudia recommend her friend?
- b The computer has found five spelling mistakes in Claudia's email. Can you correct them?
- c Read Claudia's email again. Then cover it and answer the questions from memory.
- 1 Which adjectives describe Christelle's personality?
 - 2 What does she like doing in her free time?
 - 3 What negative things does Claudia say about Christelle?
- d Look at the **highlighted** expressions we use to modify adjectives. Put them in the right place in the chart.

Anna is	<u>very</u> / _____	untidy.

Useful language: describing a person

- He's quite / very, etc. + adjective (e.g. *friendly, extrovert*, etc.)
- She's a bit + negative adjective (e.g. *untidy, shy*, etc.)
- He likes / loves / doesn't mind + verb + *-ing*
- He's good at + verb + *-ing*

Imagine you received Stephanie's email asking about a friend of yours.

WRITE an email to answer it.

PLAN what you're going to write using the paragraph summaries below. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank p.146 Personality** to help you.

- Paragraph 1 age, family, work / study
- Paragraph 2 personality (good side)
- Paragraph 3 hobbies and interests
- Paragraph 4 any negative things?

CHECK the email for mistakes (**grammar** , **punctuation** , and **spelling**).


From: Stephanie
To: Claudia
Subject: Hi from Scotland

Dear Claudia,
I hope you're well.
I've just had an email from your friend Christelle. She wants to rent a room in my house this summer. Could you tell me a bit about her (age, personality, etc. and what she likes doing) so that I can see if she would fit in with the family? Please be honest!
Send my regards to your family and I hope to hear from you soon.
Best wishes
Stephanie

From: Claudia
To: Stephanie
Subject: Hi from Switzerland

Hi Stephanie,
Thanks for your email.
Of course I can tell you about Christelle. She's 21, and she's studying law with me.
I think she's quite extrovert and very sociable – she has lots of freinds. She's also very good with children. She has a young step-brother and several young cousins, and I know she likes playing with them. She's incredibly hard-working and responsible – she passed all her exams last year, which is more than I did!
She likes going out, seeing films, and listening to music, but not rock or heavy metal – so don't worry about noise! And she's happy to do things on her own – she's very independent, so you won't really have to look after her. Her parents are divorced and she lives with her mother and stepfather, but she also sees her father regularly.
The only negative things I can think of are that she's a bit untidy – her room is usually in a mess – and that her English is, well, not brilliant. But I'm sure she'll learn fast! I think she's really nice and that you and the family will get on well with her.
I hope that's useful. Let me know if you need any more information about her.
Love
Claudia

PS I attach a photo of the two of us.



Personality

1 What are they like?

a Complete the sentences with the personality adjectives.

affectionate /ə'fekʃənət/ aggressive ambitious bossy charming competitive independent jealous /'dʒeləs/
manipulative moody reliable /ri'laɪəbl/ selfish sensible sensitive sociable /'səʊʃəbl/ spoilt

- 1 Spoilt children behave badly because they are given everything they want.
- 2 _____ people always want to win.
- 3 _____ people think about themselves and not about other people.
- 4 _____ people get angry quickly and like fighting and arguing.
- 5 _____ people have an attractive personality that makes people like them.
- 6 _____ people have common sense and are practical.
- 7 _____ people are friendly and enjoy being with other people.
- 8 _____ people are good at influencing other people to do what they want.
- 9 _____ people are happy one minute and sad the next, and are often bad-tempered.
- 10 _____ people like doing things on their own, without help.
- 11 _____ people like giving orders to other people.
- 12 _____ people show that they love or like people very much.
- 13 _____ people are people you can trust or depend on.
- 14 _____ people understand other people's feelings or are easily hurt or offended.
- 15 _____ people want to be successful in life.
- 16 _____ people think that someone loves another person more than them, or wants what other people have.



b With a partner, look at the adjectives again. Are they positive, negative, or neutral characteristics?

2 Opposite adjectives

Match the adjectives and their opposites.

extrovert hard-working mean
self-confident stupid talkative

clever _____ lazy _____
generous _____ quiet _____
insecure _____ shy _____

3 Negative prefixes

Which negative prefix do you use with these adjectives?
Put them in the correct column.

ambitious friendly honest /'ɒnɪst/ imaginative
kind organized patient /'peɪʃnt/ reliable
responsible selfish sensitive sociable tidy /'tɑɪdi/

un-	dis-	in- / im- / ir-
unambitious		



'Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Are we there yet?'

Can you remember the words on this page?
Test yourself or a partner.