

7-16-2012 FUMC ESL Advanced Lesson: Personality Traits

I. Match these personality words with their definitions.

middleman	hothead	darkhorse	redhead
lazybones	busybody	halfwit	cheapskate

- a) a person who meddles in other people's business
- b) a person who only buys things that are cheap and who tries to keep all his money rather than spending any of it
- c) a person who acts as a go-between in trading
- d) a person with red hair
- e) a foolish or stupid person
- f) a quick tempered person, someone who gets angry easily
- g) a lazy person
- h) a person everyone expects to be last in a race

II. Fill in the blank in these sentences with the correct word from the chart above.

1. That old _____ is telling everyone that my next door neighbors are getting divorced.
2. Bill is a _____. He will never offer to pay his half of the meal. He is very stingy.
3. Our food is expensive, but farmer's don't make much money. That is because of the _____ who buy the food and mark up the price before selling it.
4. Who is the _____ who locked the key inside the car?
5. I don't trust Jack to handle the negotiations. He is very _____. I am afraid he will get mad and insult our partners.
6. If she weren't such a _____, she could get all her work done and still have time to play.
7. The _____ candidate won the election to everyone's surprise.
8. I died my hair because I've always wanted to be a _____.

III. Put a mark beside the sentence in each pair that best describes you.

I am adventurous. I love new exciting experiences.
I am cautious. I don't like to try new things until I know they are safe.

I would rather read a book than go to a party.
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I am a thinker, not a doer.
I am a doer, not a thinker.

I am a high energy person who gets lots done each day.
I am a relaxed person who doesn't worry about accomplishments.

I would rather work hard and make more money.
I would rather have more time off to relax and enjoy life.

I am generous with money and give freely.
I like to save and consider every expense carefully.

I am very serious. I don't like telling jokes, going to parties or doing things with no purpose.

I am fun-loving. I would rather go to a party than stay home and study.

I am humble about my abilities and think others do a better job than I.
I am very confident about my abilities and think I generally do things well.

I usually can tell how people feel about things and try to take their feelings into account.
I am somewhat oblivious of what others feel unless they tell me.

I am independent and like to work alone.
I prefer collaborating with others.

I am a nervous person who has a hard time remaining calm.
I am a calm person who seldom gets nervous about anything.

I like to try new things and consider new ideas.
I prefer to do things the traditional way.

I am optimistic about the future. Things just keep getting better.
I am pessimistic when I think about the future. Things were better in the past.

I am always on time.
I am usually a little late.

I like to be in charge of a project.
I prefer others to lead.

I am creative and enjoy doing things differently than most people.
I am a traditionalist. I like to do things the way they've always been done.

I am a thoughtful person who doesn't make quick decisions. I like to think about it a long time
before deciding.
I tend to act impulsively. If I think too long about something, it makes me indecisive.

**Find a person in your group that marked most of the same sentences that you did. Does it
surprise you that you found someone similar to you?
Are there any of the personality traits you checked that you would like to change?**