

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Positive personality adjectives

Adverbs of frequency

Aim

To describe and guess positive personality adjectives.

Preparation

Make one copy of the personality adjective cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

Here is a describing personality game to help students practice positive personality adjectives.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of personality adjective cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Students then take it in turns to pick up a card from the pile.

The student with the card describes the positive personality adjective on the card to the other students by making a sentence with always, usually and hardly ever, writing each sentence on the card as they go.

For example, if the personality adjective was 'adaptable', the student might say 'I always adjust to new conditions. I usually respond well to change. I'm hardly ever inflexible'.

The student is not allowed to say the adjective or variations of the word in their description.

The first student to successfully guess the personality adjective being described wins and keeps the card.

If no one manages to guess the adjective, the card is removed from the game.

If you have a weak class, allow students to say the first letter of the adjective before they give their three sentences.

Students continue taking it in turns to describe a personality adjective until all the cards have been used.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

If you want to shorten the game, set a time limit. The student with the most cards when the time limit has been reached wins the game.

Afterwards, review the students' sentences for each personality adjective together as a class and have the students agree on a definition for each one.

You are **adaptable**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **adventurous**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **affectionate**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **ambitious**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **brave**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **charming**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **compassionate**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **considerate**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **determined**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **diligent**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **easy-going**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **emotional**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **faithful**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **frank**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **generous**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **honest**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **imaginative**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **independent**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **kind**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **loyal**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **modest**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **optimistic**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **patient**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **persistent**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:



You are **quiet**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **rational**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **reliable**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **reserved**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **sensitive**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **sincere**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **sociable**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **sympathetic**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **thoughtful**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **tough**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **understanding**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever:

You are **witty**.

Always:

Usually:

Hardly ever: