

# 9 Personal qualities

## A Positive

My cousin Zara is **incredibly talented**: she's a gymnastics **champion**, and is **currently** the best runner in the country in her age group.



I think my brother Luke is so **brave**. He lost a leg in a motorbike accident five years ago, but now runs marathons to **raise money** for **charity**. I'm very **proud** of him.



My gran has many great **qualities**: she's one of the **kindest**, **gentlest**, and most **loving** people I've ever met. She never has a bad word to say about anyone and is always there to help you if you need it.



### GLOSSARY

<b>incredibly</b>	extremely
<b>talented</b>	having a natural ability to do sth well <b>talent</b> <i>n</i>
<b>champion</b>	the person who is the best at a sport or game
<b>currently</b>	now; at the moment <b>current</b> <i>adj</i>
<b>brave</b>	ready to do dangerous or difficult things without fear
<b>raise money</b>	get money from other people for a special purpose
<b>charity</b>	an organization that collects money to help people who need it
<b>proud (of sb)</b>	pleased about sth you or others have done
<b>quality</b>	a thing that is part of sb's character, especially sth good
<b>kind</b>	friendly and good to other people <b>unkind</b>
<b>gentle</b>	quiet and kind
<b>loving</b>	feeling or showing love and care

### 1 Complete the sentences in a logical way.

- ▶ Gentle people are quiet and kind.
- 1 You raise money for other people because they ..... it.
- 2 A ..... father is kind and caring.
- 3 You feel proud if you've done something .....
- 4 If you are a champion, you are the .....
- 5 Brave people are prepared to do ..... things.
- 6 Charities usually collect ..... to help other people.
- 7 If something is currently true, it's true at the .....
- 8 A talent is a natural .....
- 9 If something is incredibly easy, it is ..... easy.
- 10 If you're unkind, you aren't ..... to people.

### 2 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ Amelia is wonderful with her children.
- 1 Does she have a natural ability? ~ Yes, she's a very loving ..... mother.
- 2 Is Carlos good at tennis? ~ Yes, she's very .....
- 3 Does Shelter collect money for homeless people? ~ Yes, he's the national ..... for 16-year-olds.
- 4 Has your father helped you? ~ Yes, it's a national .....
- 5 Your sister has been very kind. ~ Yes, he's been ..... helpful.
- 6 Does the charity need more money? ~ Yes, it's one of her best .....
- 7 Are there many students in the school? ~ Yes, they need to ..... another £50,000.
- 8 Tom seems to have no fear at all. ~ Yes, there are ..... about 400, and more each year.
- 9 It's amazing what Zoe has achieved already. ~ No, he's very .....
- ~ I know, we're all very ..... of her.

### 3 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions, or ask another student.

- ▶ Do you have a natural talent for something? If so, what is it? I think I have a talent for writing.
- 1 Have you ever been a champion at anything? .....
- 2 Have you ever raised money for anything? If so, what? .....
- 3 Think of something you are proud of. ....
- 4 Would you describe yourself as gentle? .....
- 5 What's one of your best qualities? .....



### TEST YOURSELF



## B Negative



When anyone asks my colleague Otto for help, he always **pretends** to be busy and **makes up** an excuse for not having enough time. It's very **annoying** because it's part of his job to help us.

My boss can be very **difficult** as well. She has very **high standards**, which is good, but sometimes she **expects** too much of other people, and she can be a bit **cruel**.

My brother can be quite **unpleasant**. He doesn't **mean** to be, but he just sounds rather angry a lot of the time. People think he's a bit **odd**.

### GLOSSARY

<b>pretend</b>	try to make sb believe sth that is not true
<b>make sth up</b>	tell sb sth that is not true <b>SYN invent</b>
<b>excuse</b>	a reason you give to explain why you have done sth wrong, or not done sth you should have done
<b>annoying</b>	making you a little angry
<b>difficult</b>	A person who is <b>difficult</b> is not easy to please, or will not do what you want.
<b>high standards</b>	wanting people to reach a high level of quality and ability
<b>cruel</b>	very unkind <b>cruelty n</b>
<b>unpleasant</b>	unfriendly and not nice <b>OPP pleasant</b>
<b>mean (to do sth)</b>	intend (to do sth)
<b>odd</b>	strange or unusual

### SPOTLIGHT *expect*

In the text above, **expect** means 'demand that somebody does something because it is their job or responsibility'.

▪ *She **expects** a lot of people who work for her.*

It can also mean 'think that something will happen or that somebody will come'.

▪ *I **expect** my mother will be here soon.*

#### 4 Underline the main stress on these words. Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ annoying

1 pretend

3 difficult

5 expect

7 pleasant

2 excuse

4 standard

6 cruel

8 unpleasant

#### 5 Yes or No?

▶ He's a difficult person. Do you think he'll do what you want?

No

1 He pretended to be asleep. Was he?

.....

6 He's cruel. Is he kind?

.....

2 He made it up. Was it true?

.....

7 You expect something to happen. Do you think it will?

.....

3 He meant to do it. Did he intend to do it?

.....

8 He just made up an excuse. Was he telling the truth?

.....

4 He was pleasant. Was he nice?

.....

9 He has high standards. Is he easy to please?

.....

5 He was annoying. Were you angry?

.....

10 She's odd. Is she normal?

.....

#### 6 Complete the texts.

▶ The animals are locked up 24 hours a day. I think that's very cruel.

1 Petra is late for class most days, but always has a different ..... I think she's got a few problems at the moment. She ..... to be OK, but in actual fact, she isn't.

2 When students are late for class they are sometimes honest, but often they ..... an excuse about the buses not being on time, or that the traffic was terrible.

3 I can't keep the flat as clean and tidy as my flatmate, but that's because she has very high ..... and I don't. She puts my things away where I can't find them, which can be ....., and I sometimes get a bit angry with her. She doesn't ..... to be unkind or anything. She's just incredibly tidy.

4 My little sister has lots of problems and ..... a lot of help from me. But when I can't solve her problems, she can be quite ..... to me. She's a ..... person.



### TEST YOURSELF



# 10 Friendship

## A What's a friend?

### WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN **friendship**?

Do you need to:

- **get on well?**
- **trust** each other?
- **have things in common?**
- always **keep in touch?**
- have a similar **sense of humour?**
- have similar **attitudes?**
- have the same **likes** and **dislikes?**
- know you can **rely** on them in a difficult situation?
- know they will **support** you?
- know they will **tell you the truth** and be **honest** with you?

### GLOSSARY

<b>friendship</b>	the relationship between people who are friends: <b>make friends (with sb)</b> = become friends (with sb)
<b>get on (well/badly with sb)</b>	have a good/bad relationship with sb
<b>trust</b>	believe sb is good and won't do anything to hurt you
<b>have sth in common</b>	have some similar interests
<b>keep/be in touch (with sb)</b>	meet, write, phone or text sb regularly
<b>sense of humour</b>	the ability to laugh and find sth funny
<b>attitude</b>	the way you think or feel about sth
<b>dislike</b>	a thing that you do not like OPP <b>like: likes and dislikes</b>
<b>rely on sb</b>	feel sure that sb will do what they say they will do <b>reliable adj</b>
<b>support</b>	give sb help when they need it
<b>tell the truth</b>	say what is true OPP <b>tell lies</b>
<b>honest</b>	A person who is <b>honest</b> tells the truth and does not steal or cheat.

### 1 Find six more phrases in the box.

tell ✓    keep    get on    tell    have something    in touch    make  
lies ✓    sense    the truth    in common    with someone    friends    of humour

▶ tell lies

### 2 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ Both brothers have a great sense of humour.
- 1 You can depend on my brother to help if you need it. He's very .....
  - 2 I really ..... Marcel – that's why I feel I can tell him anything.
  - 3 It's a difficult time for Olivia, but I'm sure her friends will ..... her.
  - 4 When Ed is at work, he works. At the weekend, he doesn't think about work at all. I think that's the right ..... to work, don't you?
  - 5 I used to ..... very well with my cousin, but recently we've argued a lot.
  - 6 Sasha and I don't really have anything in ..... any longer. We've both changed.
  - 7 I manage to keep in ..... with most of my old school friends.
  - 8 Pascal can be very ..... : I don't trust him.
  - 9 Scarlett and I are very similar: we both have the same likes and .....
  - 10 I think ..... is just as important as family.

### 3 Rewrite the sentences using the word at the end in the correct form. The meaning must stay the same.

- ▶ He never tells lies. TRUTH He always tells the truth.
- 1 He forms friendly relationships easily. FRIENDS .....
  - 2 We don't phone or write to each other. TOUCH .....
  - 3 I don't have a good relationship with my father. GET ON .....
  - 4 Kate can laugh at things and find things funny. HUMOUR .....
  - 5 Jo and Ellen have a lot of similar interests. COMMON .....
  - 6 Phoebe always does what she says she will do. RELY .....



### TEST YOURSELF



## B When things go wrong

### Perfect Weekend

Channel Six

Wednesday 9pm -11pm

This is a TV drama about a group of five young people who **got to know one another** at university, and now, five years later, **get together** for a weekend break. But things soon **go wrong**. Jack **no longer** gets



on with Dan, and now **realizes** they have nothing in common, while Harry is sorry that he **broke up with** Amy, the girl he used to **go out with**. Now Amy **fancies** Dan, but he is **in a serious relationship** with Sophie, who used to be Amy's best friend. And that's just the beginning ...

#### GLOSSARY

<b>get to know sb</b>	meet sb a number of times and become friends
<b>one another</b>	used for saying that sb does the same thing as another person SYN <b>each other</b>
<b>get together</b>	(of two or more people) meet for a social reason
<b>go wrong</b>	used when a problem happens in a situation or relationship
<b>no longer</b>	not now; not as before SYN <b>not any longer</b>
<b>realize</b>	begin to understand sth that you didn't know before
<b>break up (with sb)</b>	stop being in a romantic relationship (with sb)
<b>go out with sb</b>	have sb as a boyfriend/ girlfriend
<b>fancy inf</b>	like sb and want to be their boyfriend/girlfriend
<b>in a (serious) relationship</b>	having a boyfriend/girlfriend for a long time

#### 4 One word is missing from each sentence. What is it and where does it go?

- ▶ Shall we together for a drink? Shall we get together for a drink?
- 1 Hanna is a serious relationship. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Lian broke with Chen last week. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Paula and I met another at university. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 How did you get know Anya? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 We used to meet but not longer. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 She went with him for two years. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5 Complete the text.

Milo and I got to know each (1) \_\_\_\_\_ when we worked together during the summer. We had a lot in common and I really (2) \_\_\_\_\_ him (he's very good-looking), but unfortunately, he was in a serious (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at the time. Then it all went (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He and his girlfriend Inez had a big argument and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ up. Soon after that, we started to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ out with (7) \_\_\_\_\_ another. But after a couple of weeks, Milo (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that he still wanted to be with Inez, and that our relationship was a big mistake.

#### 6 Complete the words in the sentences.

- ▶ How did you get \_\_\_\_\_ to know \_\_\_\_\_ your best friend? ABOUT YOU
- 1 How long have you known one \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How often do you get \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Is there anything you used to do that you don't do any \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Is your friend in a serious \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 If 'yes', who is it with? If 'no', is he/she \_\_\_\_\_ with anyone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 If so, how did they \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ each other? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions in Exercise 6, or talk to another student.





## A A family history

Marilyn Monroe, also known by the **nicknames** MM or The Blonde Bombshell, was an **only child** from a **single-parent family**. She had an unhappy **childhood** and spent much of it with **foster parents**. One couple wanted to **adopt** her, but it wasn't possible, and at the age of 16, she **got married**. In fact, in her short life (she died at 36), she had a **complicated** love life: she married three times, and **got divorced** three times. **According to Hollywood sources**, she also had many **romantic** relationships with people such as Marlon Brando and Frank Sinatra.



### GLOSSARY

<b>nickname</b>	an informal name, not your real name, which may be connected with your personality or appearance	<b>married</b>	having a husband or wife: <b>get married (to sb)</b> SYN <b>marry (sb)</b> v
<b>only child</b>	a child with no brothers or sisters	<b>complicated</b>	difficult to understand because it has a lot of different parts
<b>single parent</b>	a mother or father who looks after her/his children alone: <b>a single-parent family</b>	<b>divorced</b>	no longer married: <b>get divorced</b> SYN <b>divorce</b> v, ALSO n
<b>childhood</b>	the time when you are a child	<b>according to sb/sth</b>	as sb or sth says (NOT <del>according to me</del> )
<b>foster parent</b>	sb who takes care of another person's child in their home for a period of time	<b>source</b>	sb or sth that provides information, often for a piece of work or the news
<b>adopt a child</b>	take sb's child into your family and legally make them your child	<b>romantic</b>	about love; full of feelings of love

### 1 Cover the text above. True or False? Write T or F. If the sentences are false, correct them.

- ▶ Marilyn Monroe's nickname was MM. T
- 1 Her other nickname was The Blonde Baby. ....
- 2 She was an only child. ....
- 3 She grew up with her parents. ....
- 4 She was adopted. ....
- 5 She had a happy childhood. ....
- 6 She got divorced twice. ....
- 7 People say she had a romantic relationship with Frank Sinatra. ....
- 8 She died at 36. ....

### 2 Match the words from the boxes.

foster ✓	a child	get	single	get	according	only
divorced	parent	to somebody	adopt	child	parents ✓	married

- ▶ foster parents .....

### 3 Complete the text.

My mother is a ▶ single parent. She had me a year after she got married, but got (1) ..... two years later, and didn't have any more children, so, I am an (2) ..... child. But, I had a happy (3) ..... and (4) ..... to my aunt, who lived with us some of the time, I never talked about my father. My aunt had a very different childhood. She was (5) ..... by my grandparents when she was five. Her name is Gloria, but everyone knows her by her (6) ....., which is Gigi. She was married to a man called Enzo, but she wasn't happy with him, and she got (7) ..... after about five years. I was told by one (8) ..... (I won't say who that is) that Gigi had a number of (9) ..... relationships with several pop stars when she was a young woman. I don't know if these stories are true, but her love life was very (10) .....



### TEST YOURSELF



# B Coincidences

I'm a **twin** (with an **identical** twin sister). My twin sister is married, and last year she **gave birth** to identical twin boys. Is that just a **coincidence**?

My sister's husband, my **brother-in-law**, has two **siblings** (who are sisters). Their husbands are from London, but **previous generations** of their families **originally** came from the same city in Poland. Another coincidence?

I also have a younger brother. His girlfriend is **related** to a family who lived in the same house as my parents, ten years before they did. Is this just another coincidence?

GLOSSARY	
<b>twin</b>	one of two people who have the same mother and were born at the same time
<b>identical</b>	exactly the same
<b>coincidence</b>	when two things happen in the same way or at the same time, both of them surprising
<b>brother-in-law</b>	1 the husband of your sister 2 the brother of your husband or wife ALSO <b>sister/mother/daughter-in-law</b> , etc.
<b>sibling</b> <i>formal</i>	a brother or sister
<b>previous</b>	coming or happening before or earlier
<b>generation</b>	all the people in a family born at about the same time
<b>originally</b>	in the beginning, before other things happened
<b>be related</b> (to sb)	be in the same family as sb <b>relative/ relation</b> <i>n</i>

**SPOTLIGHT** *birth*  
When a woman **gives birth**, she has a baby, and the day that baby **is born** is their **date of birth**, e.g. 07/05/1998. Every year, on the day of their birth, people celebrate their **birthday**.

- 4 Yes or No?**
- ▶ Is your mother-in-law your mother? No
  - 1 Is your son your sibling? .....
  - 2 Are your cousins your relatives? .....
  - 3 Is your daughter-in-law your son's wife? .....
  - 4 Is it a coincidence when one thing happens after another thing? .....

- 5 Are you and your father from the same generation? .....
- 6 Is your date of birth the day you were born? .....
- 7 Do identical twins look exactly the same? .....
- 8 Can a father give birth to a baby? .....

- 5 Complete the sentences.**
- ▶ I have two sisters who are identical twins.
  - 1 Three ..... of my family have lived in the same house: my grandparents, my parents, and now my brother and his wife.
  - 2 Some of my ..... live abroad: my father's parents are in Naples, and two of my cousins live in Paris.
  - 3 What's your ..... of birth?
  - 4 My .....-in-..... is always giving me advice. My wife finds him a bit annoying.
  - 5 My sister gave ..... yesterday to a baby boy, weighing just over three kilos.
  - 6 Both of my parents had the same family name before they got married. That's an incredible ....., isn't it?

- 6 Complete the words in these questions.**
- ▶ Have you got a brother-..... or sister.....-in-law.....?
  - 1 Have you got any s.....?
  - 2 Do different g..... of your family live in the same home? If so, who?
  - 3 Are you r..... to any people who live in a different country? If so, who?
  - 4 Where did your family come from o.....? Do you know?
  - 5 Where do/did the p..... generations of your family live?
  - 6 Do you know any tw.....? Are they i.....?

**ABOUT YOU**

- 7 ABOUT YOU** Write your own answers to Exercise 6, or ask another student.
- ▶ Have you got a brother- or sister-in-law?  
Yes, I've got a sister-in-law called Caitlin. My brother married her two years ago.





# 12 Marriage and divorce

## A Weddings

In the UK, it is the **custom** for many couples to **get engaged** before they get married. For the **wedding** itself, couples can choose a **religious ceremony**, for example in a church, or a **civil ceremony**, in a **registry office** or some other building. On the day of the wedding, the woman is called the **bride**, and the man is the **groom**. After the wedding, most married couples have a **reception**, followed by a **honeymoon**. During the reception, several people **make speeches** and wish the couple a happy **marriage**. On the same day every year after that, the couple **celebrate** their wedding **anniversary**.



### GLOSSARY

<b>custom</b>	sth that people in society or a community usually do: <i>It's a custom for people to give presents to a couple getting married.</i>	<b>(wedding) reception</b>	a meal and/or party after a wedding
<b>get/be engaged</b>	If two people <b>get engaged</b> or <b>are engaged</b> , they have agreed to get married.	<b>honeymoon</b>	a holiday for a couple who have just got married
<b>wedding ceremony</b>	a time when two people get married a formal public event. A <b>religious ceremony</b> takes place in a church, mosque, temple, etc. A <b>civil ceremony</b> is a non-religious ceremony which often takes place in a <b>registry office</b> .	<b>make a speech</b>	give a formal talk to a lot of people at a special event
		<b>marriage</b>	the period when two people are married
		<b>celebrate</b>	do sth to show you are happy about a special day
		<b>anniversary</b>	a day that is exactly a year after a special event

### 1 Put these words in the correct order.

the reception .....      ▶ the couple meet 1.....      the anniversary .....  
the wedding .....      the honeymoon .....      get engaged .....

### 2 Underline the correct word.

- ▶ They got engaged / married last week. The wedding is planned for June.
- Jake and Emma's wedding / marriage is next Saturday.
  - Jake is the groom / bride.
  - It's a civil / religious ceremony in St Peter's Church.
  - The reception will be before / after the wedding ceremony.
  - Speeches are a custom during the ceremony / reception.
  - On their honeymoon, Jake and Emma will be bride and groom / husband and wife.

### 3 Complete the questions with a suitable word.

- ▶ Do couples usually get engaged before they get married?
- Can couples have a religious ceremony or a ..... ceremony in a ..... office?
  - Does the ..... usually wear a dress of a particular colour? If so, what colour?
  - Is there usually a ..... after the ceremony?
  - Do people often ..... speeches? If so, who does it?
  - Is it the ..... for the wife to wear a wedding ring on her left hand?
  - Do couples often go on a ..... after the wedding?
  - Do couples usually ..... their wedding ..... every year?
  - Do most ..... last forever in your country?

### ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY

### 4 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write answers to the questions in Exercise 3, or ask another student. Are there any other customs you have during weddings in your country?



### TEST YOURSELF