

ENGLISH

Chapter 1

5th
SECONDARY

ALL ABOUT ME



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**All about
me**


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WDYT?
(What do you think?)

What makes you the
person you are?



Personal qualities

1  Look at the adjectives in the box. Can you add any more personality adjectives?

confident creative enthusiastic generous
hard-working patient polite reliable
sensible sociable

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Work in pairs. Use the adjectives in exercise 1 to describe your friends and family.

I think my mom is generous and sociable.


3 Which adjectives form an opposite with negative prefixes *un-* or *im-*?

reliable – unreliable

Simple past	Present perfect
unconfident	impatient
uncreative	impolite
unenthusiastic	impossible
ungenerous	imperfect
unkind	immoral

Describing personal characteristics

4 Look at characters A–D. Which adjectives would you use to describe them? Why?

5  Check the meaning of the words in bold in the text. Read descriptions 1–4 and match pictures A–D with the descriptions.

1 This shape is solid, like a mountain, and shows many characteristics. Characters with this shape are often strong and confident, but they can also be big and scary or kind and **clumsy**. They're often **determined** like typical superheroes. They can be a little **stubborn**.

2 This is the most dynamic shape and it is often used to show danger and villains. Sharp lines and angles can make characters appear **aggressive** or **arrogant** and **selfish**, and suggest they might be **cruel**, **grumpy** and **competitive**.

3 This shape is used for strong **likeable** characters who can be **thoughtful** and **sensitive**. They're usually **modest** and **supportive** of others.

4 When we think of this shape, soft and safe images appear. This shape shows friendly characters who are optimistic. These are happy characters who are sociable, **chatty** and **outgoing**. Many famous cartoon and comic book characters are designed around this shape.

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Personal answer

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6 Which characters have mainly positive adjectives?
Which have mainly negative ones? Are there any
adjectives that could be positive or negative?

7 Match the definitions with the words in bold in the text. Then think of a character from a movie, book or video game for each adjective.

- 1 not willing to let anything prevent them from doing what they have decided to do **determined**
- 2 not willing to change their ideas or consider anyone else's reasons or arguments **stubborn**
- 3 kind, and showing that they consider that what other people want or need is important **thoughtful**
- 4 unhappy and dissatisfied, often for no obvious reason; often complaining **grumpy**
- 5 friendly and enjoys talking to people **chatty/outgoing**
- 6 helpful and sympathetic **supportive**

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Listen to a podcast extract about character design. Put pictures A–D in the order in which they are mentioned.



A



2

B



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C



1

D



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Superman: square

The Joker: triangle

Super Mario: circle

Wreck-It Ralph: square

The incredible Hulk: square

Zelda: rectangle

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Work in pairs. Complete the sentences so that they are true for you. Ask your partner about their sentences.

Personal answers

- 1 I'd say my best friend/father/sister is _____ ,
but he/she couldn't be described as _____ .
- 2 I consider myself to be _____ , but
not _____ .



- 11**  Watch the video. Does the narrator believe personality types are fixed?

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Work in pairs. This video uses a lot of on-screen text. Is this useful? Why?

A magazine article

1 Look at the photos in the article and answer the questions.

- 1 Describe the clothes and think about the colors. What kind of people might wear them?
- 2 What do you think is unusual about the lifestyles of the people in the article?





Is it excessive to dress only or mainly in one color? Could you do it? People have often used color in advertising to represent brands because color can send powerful messages at an emotional level – but what about as a personal ‘trademark’?

Ella London, who is originally from the UK but lives in Los Angeles, USA, is known as ‘Miss Sunshine’ because she's been wearing only yellow clothes for years. Always unconventional, she was wondering what color wedding dress to get when her husband-to-be suggested yellow. She loved the idea because yellow was her dad's favorite color, and the perfect color for an optimistic and outgoing person like her.

Ella wasn't originally intending to go ‘all yellow’; it happened slowly. Her first purchase was a top from eBay, then a friend gave her a cardigan and over the next four years, her collection grew until she was able to dress exclusively in yellow. Although shoes were the trickiest items to find, she's managed to find plenty, along with yellow make-up and accessories, yellow furniture and even a yellow car. For Ella, it's a cool way of expressing herself and she loves it when people ask about her look. Recently, a video about her went viral: people were fascinated by ‘Miss Sunshine’. Since then she's been posting a daily photo of herself on Instagram and now has followers worldwide.

Designer Gary Card fell in love with the color purple when he was five, although he didn't start wearing it until he was in high school. Initially, he changed his school jacket so that the inside of it was purple and wore purple socks. Although other students used to bully him for it, Gary was determined not to stop. After he'd been certified as a designer, he became well known for his purple outfits and having a memorable look was often an advantage in the design world. In his 20s, he used to only wear purple, though these days he mixes it with other colors.

Why purple? For Gary, it's a fascinating and mysterious color because it's both warm and cool, and it's always in fashion. As well as clothes, he's bought purple furniture and his most expensive possessions (two portfolios for carrying artwork) are purple. He's also had some fantastic presents including 30 different purple toothbrushes from his mother.



While some people might argue that dressing in a single color is an obsession, for others it's a way of life that makes them feel good. Perhaps the most important thing is to be true to yourself.

4 Are the sentences true, false or is there no information? Correct the false sentences.

- 1** Before she got married, Ella didn't use to wear only yellow clothes **True**
- 2** Ella chose yellow even though it didn't really suit her personality **False**
- 3** Ella is thinking about getting other yellow items, such as makeup or a car **False** **True**
- 4** Ella often posts photos of herself on Instagram[®].
- 5** Gary now loves purple, although he didn't when he was a child. **False**

5 Answer the questions in your own words. Give evidence for your answers. **Personal answers**

- 1** How has color been used in advertising?
- 2** What did Ella find hardest about dressing only in yellow?
- 3** Why does Ella like dressing in yellow?
- 4** How did so many people become interested in Ella?
- 5** When did Gary start wearing only purple clothes?

► Subskill: Keeping a record of vocabulary

When you record a word or phrase, it's a good idea to include pronunciation, part of speech (noun, verb, etc.), a definition and an example sentence. Adding related words is also useful.

- 6** Look at the vocabulary record and find the word in the text. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word.

excessive (ADJECTIVE) /ɪk'sesɪv/

much more than is reasonable or necessary

The charges seemed a little excessive.

excessively (ADVERB), excess (NOUN)

- 1 He was not **excessively** polite – in fact he was rather rude!
- 2 The store had an **excess** of cakes so they gave them away.
- 3 The amount of force used was **excessive** . It wasn't necessary.

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Word work

Record the other words in bold in the article. Then complete sentences 1–6 with the correct form of the words.

- 1 Hours later, I can still see the painting clearly in my mind; it was very _____.
- 2 She always says ‘pip pip’ instead of ‘goodbye’; it’s her _____ phrase.
- 3 They always wear black clothes because they’re goths. It’s their _____.
- 4 Sam can’t stop talking about politics – it’s become a real _____ with him.
- 5 I bought three things on sale, but my favorite _____ was a pink jacket.
- 6 White is often used to _____ peace.