

SPEAKING MATERIAL

ENGLISH FILE UPPER-INTERMEDIATE- UNIT 1

VOCABULARY

A- Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: Amélie will be a great flatmate - she's really easy-going.

1. If Holly wants something she works hard until she gets it - she's extremely strong-w_____.
2. I've forgotten my PIN number again - I'm getting quite a_____ -minded these days.
3. Omar will be relaxed about the interview - he's really l_____ -back.
4. It's difficult to get Tom to spend money - he's really tight-f_____.
5. You should think about other people's feelings more - you're too s_____ -centred!
6. I work hard but I manage to spend time with my family too. I think my life's pretty well-
b_____ on the whole.
7. I've never seen Robin get angry - he's very good-n_____.
8. Why did you say that to Noura when you told me the opposite? You're so two-f_____.
9. Helena isn't very open to new ideas - she's quite n_____ -minded.
10. Max is always talking about how good he is at football - he's so b_____ -headed!

B- Underline the correct word.

Example: This film is a bit interesting / boring / enjoyable.

1. I think you're being quite **self-confident** / **well-balanced** / **self-centred**. We should work together as a team.
2. I like working with Jamal but he is rather **hard-working** / **well-behaved** / **strong-willed** at times.
3. My uncle is a bit **good-tempered** / **open-minded** / **narrow-minded**.
4. This meal is extremely **delicious** / **alright** / **OK**.

C- Choose the correct words for the definitions.

gut feeling	foolproof	remote	weird	job-seeker	candidate	geek
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Example: far away from places where other people live remote

1. a strong sense that something is right or true, but you can give no good reason why _____
2. very strange and unusual _____
3. person looking for employment _____
4. so easy to use that it cannot fail or be used wrongly _____
5. person who knows a lot about a particular subject _____
6. person who has applied for a job _____

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

Talk about the pictures.



MINI-PRESENTATION

Work in pairs. Choose one of the topics given below. Then prepare a mini presentation by answering the questions given. You can take notes as you prepare your answer. The preparation is supposed to take one minute. Finally, talk for maximum 2 minutes about the given subject.

TOPIC 1

Talk about your dream job. You should say:

- *what job it is*
- *what you do in this job*
- *what skills you need to have for this job*
- *and explain why you think this is the perfect job for you*

TOPIC 2

Talk about the most positive person you know. You should say:

- *who this person is*
- *how you know this person*
- *what traits s/he has*
- *and explain why you think s/he is positive*

GROUP DISCUSSION

Work in groups of three or four students. Answer the questions given by taking turns.

1. What kinds of things can candidates do to relax before a job interview?
2. What type of people do you think are more successful at job interviews?
3. What are some advantages and disadvantages you experience with your personality?
4. How do you think we should deal with the pessimists around us?
5. Do you think it is better to trust your gut feeling or your mind when taking decision?