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Question: During week 9, we learnt about different entrepreneurial traits/characteristics. Reflecting on any **three of these entrepreneurial traits/characteristics**, comment on how you can use these in your personal life/work or studies to be more entrepreneurial?

An entrepreneur is someone who recognizes a viable idea or a business product or service and carries it out. Entrepreneurs are not born, but made and have certain characteristics, 3 of these characteristics are risk taking propensity, independence and networker.

The risk-taking propensity characteristic is determining how risky each opportunity is and not choosing risky opportunities. Entrepreneurs with this characteristic also try to manage and reduce risk while remaining on the entrepreneurial opportunity. I can use this characteristic in my own life to be more entrepreneurial by managing risk and make the best decisions based on this. This can also help me by minimising risk, this could be choosing what tests to study first when there are multiple tests around the same time.

Independence is a characteristic is wanting to be your own boss, and not be told what to do. Entrepreneurs want to be in situations where they take responsibility for their own decisions and achievements. A downside to this characteristic is they find it har to delegate responsibility to others and end up doing more than they should be. This characteristic can help me be more entrepreneurial by making me to make my own decisions and not what others tell me to do because others may not always make the best decisions for me. By making my own decisions, I can be sure I’m making the best one for myself.

The networker characteristic makes entrepreneurs want to engage with large numbers of people, this could be employees, customers, suppliers or regulators. This characteristic helps entrepreneurs organise and coordinate resources, gain access to information and venture start-up and development. This characteristic can help me by talking to friends, lecturers and others to help me get information or the tools I need to succeed.