

## PERSONAL QUALITIES

### VOTE FOR SUSAN DARRON

First look at the notice, which is about an election for a student president.

<b>Susan's Supervisor, Mrs Trim, says:</b>  Susan is a very popular girl among her classmates. She has an outward going personality and is friendly and understanding. Although she has a lot of ideas and opinions of her own, she always listens to other people's points and view and never tries to force her opinions on other people.	<b>The Head of Birchdale Hall, Susan's dormitory, says:</b>  Susan has been living in Birchdale Hall for the past two years. She always takes a leading part in organizing events, and is popular with all members of dormitory. She with her, and would, I think, make an excellent student president.
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Jane and Pat Discuss Susan :

Jane : Do you think Susan Darron would be a good president?

Pat : I'm not sure.

Jane : But she's very popular.

Pat : Well, she's good at getting other people to help her, but she doesn't like helping other people. And she can be bad-tempered.

Jane talks to Robin

Jane : Will you vote for Susan Darron as president?

Robin : Sure. She'd make an excellent president.

Jane : What does make you so certain?

Robin : Well, she's really energetic. She gets things done. And she knows how to listen to other people and then take decision.

*Do you think Susan would make an excellent student president?*

### Looking for a Rommate

Dave : Hello?

Jim : Hi, my name's Jim Brady. I'm calling about the ads for roommate.

Dave : Oh, yes.

Jim : Are you still looking for someone?

Dave : Yes, we are.

Jim : Oh good. I'm really interested.

Dave : Well, there are four of us, and it's fairly small house, so we want someone who's easy to get along with.

Jim : Well, I'm pretty easy going.  
 Dave : Great! Can I ask you a few questions?

*Dave might ask Jim? What do you think Dave is going to ask?*

**1. Pair work. Look at the following dialogue.**

AA. I quite like Richard Davies. He always has interesting ideas and suggestion. (+)

BB. Yes, that's true. But he tries to force his opinions on other people. (-)

AA. I suppose he does. And he's short-tempered too. (-)

BB. But I have to admit that he is always helpful when things need to be done. (+)

**2. Do you have a "Type A" or "Type B" personality?**

Some doctors believe there are two main types of personalities: "Type A" and "Type B". Type A people are ambitious, aggressive, hardworking, and competitive; they are sometimes impatient and are often in a hurry.

Type B people are more relaxed and don't get bothered easily. Doctors say that because they are so hard driving. Type A personalities often suffer from stress and high blood pressure.

Pair work. Take turns asking your partner these questions and check (V) Yes or No. Is your partner Type A or Type B personality? How about you?

Question	A	B
Are you always in hurry to finish things?		
Are you ambitious and always looking for new challenges?		
Are you often impatient with other people?		
Do you get upset when people are late for appointments?		
O you often do two things at one? Such as watching TV while eating?		
Do you get upset easily when things go wrong?		

Do you sometimes stop listening when people are talking to you?		
Do you expect to be the best at everything you do?		
Do you interrupt people while they are speaking?		
Do you think the best way to get a job done is to do it yourself?		

### Vocabulary Focus

Good Qualities	Bad Qualities
<p>He is polite and courteous toward others. She is patients and understanding, get on well with other people, listens to other's people point of view.</p> <p>Is good organizer. Is hard-working. Is neat and well-dressed. Always has interesting ideas and suggestion. Is always helpful when things need to be done.</p>	<p>He is arrogant and bad mannered. She is short-tempered, often gets into difficulties with other people, tries to force his/her opinions on other people.</p> <p>Is a poor organizer Is lazy. Is untidy and poorly-dressed. Never has many interesting ideas or suggestions. Is not very helpful when things need to be done.</p>

**1. Match each word with a definition. Then mark if each word has a positive (+) or negative (-) meaning.**

- A. Easygoing .....people who don't do what they will.
- B. Emotional .....a person who doesn't often ask for other people's help or advice.
- C. Generous .....a person who waits calmly for things and doesn't worry if things are not on time.
- D. Independent .....someone who likes giving things to other people.
- E. Moody .....a person who doesn't usually worry or get angry.
- F. Patient .....someone who often gloomy or depressed.
- G. Proud .....a person who enjoys being with other people.
- H. Sociable .....people who have a high opinion of their own importance.
- I. Unreliable .....people who show their feelings easily.

**2. Now give definitions for these words: ambitious, punctual, and selfish.**

**3. What qualities should a friend have? Think of five adjectives.**

Answer :

1.

- a) Easygoing: Someone who waits calmly for things and doesn't worry if things are not on time. (+)
- b) Emotional: Someone who shows their feelings easily. (+)
- c) Generous: Someone who likes giving things to other people. (+)
- d) Independent: Someone who doesn't often ask for other people's help or advice. (+)
- e) Moody: Someone who is often gloomy or depressed. (-)
- f) Patient: Someone who waits calmly for things and doesn't worry if things are not on time. (+)
- g) Proud: People who have a high opinion of their own importance. (-)
- h) Sociable: Someone who enjoys being with other people. (+)
- i) Unreliable: People who don't do what they will. (-)

2.

- Ambitious: Having a strong desire to achieve something, often with a positive connotation. (+)
- Punctual: Being on time and respecting schedules. (+)
- Selfish: Concerned primarily with one's own interests or benefits, often at the expense of others. (-)

3.

- 1. Trustworthy
- 2. Supportive
- 3. Reliable
- 4. Empathetic
- 5. Fun-loving