

# Answer key

## 1 People and relationships

### Vocabulary: Character and personality

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#### Exercise 1

- ambitious:** Someone who is ambitious has a strong desire to be successful, rich, or powerful.
- blunt:** If you are blunt, you say exactly what you think without trying to be polite.
- clever:** Someone who is clever is intelligent and able to understand things easily or plan things well.
- creative:** A creative person has the ability to invent and develop original ideas, especially in the arts.
- good fun:** If you say that someone is good fun, you mean that you enjoy being with them because they say and do interesting or amusing things.
- hard-working:** If you describe someone as hard-working, you mean that they work very hard.
- impatient:** If you are impatient, you are easily irritated by things.
- judgemental:** If you say that someone is judgemental, you are critical of them because they form opinions of people and situations very quickly, when it would be better for them to wait until they know more about the person or situation.
- nosy:** If you describe someone as nosy, you mean that they are interested in things which do not concern them.
- open-minded:** If you describe someone as open-minded, you approve of them because they are willing to listen to and consider other people's ideas and suggestions.
- outgoing:** Someone who is outgoing is very friendly and likes meeting and talking to people.
- over-sensitive:** If you are over-sensitive about something, you are too easily worried and offended when people talk about it.
- reliable:** People that are reliable can be trusted to work well or to behave in the way that you want them to.
- self-assured:** Someone who is self-assured shows confidence in what they say and do because they are sure of their own abilities.

- sociable:** Sociable people are friendly and enjoy talking to other people.
- stingy:** If you describe someone as stingy, you are criticizing them for being unwilling to spend money.

#### Exercise 2

- Positive:** ambitious, clever, creative, good fun, hard-working, open-minded, outgoing, reliable, self-assured, sociable
- Negative:** blunt, impatient, judgemental, nosy, over-sensitive, stingy

### Vocabulary: Relationships

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#### Exercise 4

- 1 b, 2 g, 3 d, 4 a, 5 c, 6 h, 7 f, 8 e

### Vocabulary: Modifying

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#### Exercise 7

- 1 really, 2 so, 3 a bit, 4 so, 5 very, 6 so, 7 terribly, 8 quite, 9 extremely, 10 so

### Grammar: Thinking about tenses

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#### Exercise 14

- 1 How long have you known this person? – present perfect
- 2 How did you meet? – past tenses, e.g. past simple and past continuous
- 3 What kind of person is he/she? – present tenses, e.g. present simple and present continuous
- 4 Explain why you like him/her. – present tenses

#### Exercise 15

- 1 past simple (It is a completed action in the past.)
- 2 'd (would) + infinitive (It is a past habit.)
- 3 present perfect (It refers to a period of time that began in the past and continues until the present.)

### Pronunciation: Weak and strong forms

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#### Exercise 17

- 1 Can I have a cup of tea?
- 2 We met at uni.
- 3 I've known him for ten years.
- 4 I'm from Dubai.
- 5 It's quarter to ten.