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1. Listed below are a few character traits of people. Some are positive qualities, while others are not. Tick mark the ones you feel are desirable qualities in a person.

Characteristic	Tick Mark	Characteristic	Tick Mark	Characteristic	Tick Mark
Insensitive		High- headed	į	Manipulative	ě.
Humorous		Egoistic		Patronizing	
Naïve		Humble		Submissive	
Opportunistic		Foolish		Arrogant	
Creative		Original		Conniving	2
Disapproving		Helpful		Innocent	8
Commanding		Calculative		Condescending	
Benevolent		Crafty		Scheming	
Simple		Wise		Rude	i.
Overbearing		Generous		Boastful	2
Sly		Gentle		Proud	
Territorial		Aggressive		Servile	

Answer:

The following are the qualities desirable in a person:

Humorous,

Creative,

Benevolent,

Simple,

Humble,

Helpful,

Gentle,

Generous,

Wise,

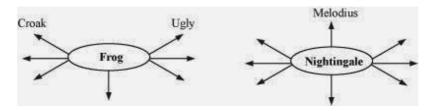
Innocent,

Condescending.

2. Have you come across people who are not what they seem to be - like someone who is extremely friendly and helpful yet you are not very comfortable with him /her as you feel it is a put-on? Have a class discussion about such people and why you feel as you do. Answer:

Yes, I have come across such persons. They pretend for having a virtuous character, moral or religious beliefs etc., that they don't really possess. At first, They are or can be successful in impressing others. However, when the real picture is revealed, they are subjected to embarrassment and humiliation. They also lose their popularity and the previously formed impression gets marred.

3. Before you read the poem complete the word - web with the words that we associate with a Frog and a Nightingale. Frog: Croak, Ugly, etc.



Answer:

