

Four Corners

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Student's Book

Personalities

LESSON A

- Personality traits
- Adverbs modifying adjectives and verbs

LESSON B

- Giving an opinion
- Asking for agreement

LESSON C

- More personality traits
- Present perfect with *for* and *since*

LESSON D

- Reading: "The Signs of the Zodiac"
- Writing: My personality

Warm-up



A Describe the people in the picture. Where are they? What are they doing?

B What do you think each person is like? Why?

1 Vocabulary Personality traits

A Match the adjectives and the sentences. Then listen and check your answers.

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| 1. adventurous <u>h</u> | a. I'm interested in learning about people and things around me. |
| 2. ambitious <u>c</u> | b. I'm friendly, and I like people. |
| 3. careful <u>a</u> | c. I set high goals for myself. |
| 4. curious <u>e</u> | d. I look on the bright side of things. |
| 5. easygoing <u>g</u> | e. I do things slowly and with attention to detail. |
| 6. optimistic <u>d</u> | f. I don't like to change my mind. |
| 7. outgoing <u>b</u> | g. I am relaxed, and I don't worry about little things. |
| 8. stubborn <u>f</u> | h. I love trying new, exciting activities. |

B Pair work Describe people you know with each personality trait. Tell your partner.

"My baby brother is very curious about the world. He wants to touch everything."

2 Language in context Are you a believer?

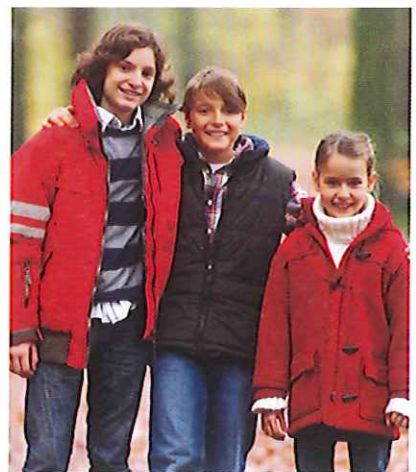
A Read the personality descriptions. Underline the positive personality traits, and circle the negative ones.



Are you adventurous?

Answer ten questions in this quick personality test to find out just how adventurous you are!

Click here to begin.



Year of the Monkey

Born in years 1968, 1980, 1992, and 2004

You're extremely curious and outgoing. You solve problems well, but you can be stubborn about some things.

Personality Test Results

Your score: **13**

You're very adventurous, but you're not a very careful person. Try not to make decisions quickly. Take time to consider your options seriously.

Your Birth Order

As the first-born child in your family, you are a natural leader. You're pretty ambitious and like to work hard. However, you don't work well without direction.

B What about you? Do you believe the things in Part A can tell you about your personality? Why or why not?

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Grammar

Adverbs modifying adjectives and verbs

Adverbs that modify adjectives come before the adjectives.

You're **pretty** ambitious.

You're **extremely** curious and outgoing.

Adverbs that modify verbs go after the verb or the verb and its object.

You don't work **well** without direction.

Try not to make decisions **quickly**.

Turn to page 152 for a list of adjective and adverb formations.

A Add the adverbs to the sentences. Then compare with a partner.

slowly

1. I move *slowly* in the morning. (slowly)
2. I'm serious about my studies. (really)
3. I choose my words. (carefully)
4. I arrive at important meetings. (early)
5. My friends are important to me. (extremely)
6. I work in large groups. (well)
7. I'm optimistic about the future. (very)
8. It's easy for me to share my feelings. (fairly)



B Pair work Which sentences in Part A are true for you? Tell your partner.

4 Speaking My true self

A Pair work Interview your partner and ask questions for more information. Take notes.

Name: _____	Yes	No	Extra information
1. Are you very adventurous?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Do you make new friends easily?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Do you make decisions quickly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Are you really stubborn about anything?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Do you work and study hard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Do you get to class early?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Are you completely honest all the time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

A: Are you very adventurous?

B: Yes, I think so.

A: What's the most adventurous thing you've ever done?

B Pair work Share the most interesting information with another partner.

5 Keep talking!


Go to page 137 for more practice.

I can talk about personality traits.




1 Interactions Opinions

A Do you always tell people exactly what you think? Do you sometimes keep your opinions to yourself?

B  Listen to the conversation. Whose opinion do you agree with more? Then practice the conversation.

- Fei: Have you seen Adam's new painting?
- Ralph: Yes. I saw it last weekend.
- Fei: It's not very good.
- Ralph: No, it's not. He asked me what I thought of it. I said I didn't think it was his best painting.
- Fei: You're kidding! How did he react?
- Ralph: He didn't seem very happy to hear that. But he did ask.
- Fei: In my opinion, it's better to say something positive, even if you don't really mean it. Don't you agree?
- Ralph: I don't know. Why do you say that?
- Fei: Well, it's not always easy to hear the truth.
- Ralph: I'm not so sure. I find that honesty is always the best policy.



C  Read the expressions below. Complete each box with a similar expression from the conversation. Then listen and check your answers.

Giving an opinion

If you ask me, ...

Maybe it's just me, but I think ...

Asking for agreement


Don't you think so?

Don't you think that's true?

D Pair work Check (✓) the opinions you agree with. Then ask your partner for agreement.

- ☐ Women are more stubborn than men.
☐ Men are more stubborn than women.
- ☐ It's never OK to lie.
☐ It's sometimes OK to lie.
- ☐ A small group of friends is better than a large group of friends.
☐ A large group of friends is better than a small group of friends.


2 Pronunciation Reduction of *don't you*

A  Listen and repeat. Notice how *don't you* is pronounced /downtʃə/.


Don't you agree? Don't you think so? Don't you think that's true?

B Pair work Say the opinions in Exercise 1D again. Ask your partner for agreement. Reduce *don't you* to /downtʃə/.

3 Listening A book of proverbs

A  Listen to Tina and Cal talk about proverbs. Number the proverbs from 1 to 4 in the order you hear them.

Proverbs	Does Tina agree?	Does Cal agree?
<input type="checkbox"/> Practice makes perfect.	yes / no	yes / no
<input type="checkbox"/> Better late than never.	yes / no	yes / no
<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty is only skin deep.	yes / no	yes / no
<input type="checkbox"/> Two heads are better than one.	yes / no	yes / no

B  Listen again. Do Tina and Cal agree with the proverbs in Part A? Circle yes or no.

C Pair work Do you agree with each proverb? Why or why not? Do you know any similar proverbs in your own language? Tell your partner.



4 Speaking Don't you think so?

A What's your opinion? Circle the words.

1. People are **more** / **less** ambitious these days.
2. Young people are **more** / **less** optimistic than older people.
3. **First-born** / **Last-born** children are usually very easygoing.
4. It's **possible** / **impossible** to change your personality.

B Group work Discuss your opinions from Part A.

A: If you ask me, people are less ambitious these days. Don't you think so?

B: I'm not so sure. Why do you say that?

C: Well, maybe it's just me, but I feel no one wants to work hard these days.

D: I'm not sure I really agree. In my opinion, . . .

C Group work Think of three other topics. Share your opinions about them. Does anyone agree with you?

"In my opinion, people worry about their appearance too much. Don't you agree?"

I can give an opinion.

I can ask for agreement.



We've been friends for six years.

1 Vocabulary More personality traits

A Match the adjectives and the definitions. Then listen and check your answers.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. agreeable <u>c</u> | a. thinking of the needs of others |
| 2. considerate <u>a</u> | b. treating people equally or right |
| 3. decisive <u>d</u> | c. friendly and pleasing |
| 4. fair <u>b</u> | d. making decisions quickly |
| 5. honest <u>g</u> | e. waiting without getting annoyed |
| 6. mature <u>h</u> | f. doing what is expected or promised |
| 7. patient <u>e</u> | g. truthful |
| 8. reliable <u>f</u> | h. behaving in a responsible way |

B Complete the chart with the opposites of the words in Part A. Then listen and check your answers.

dis-	im-	in-	un-
disagreeable	immature	inconsiderate	unliable
dishonest	impatient	indisicive	unfair

C Pair work What are the three best personality traits to have in a friend? What are the three worst? Discuss your ideas.

2 Conversation Time to say you're sorry

A Listen to the conversation. How does Lance describe Jill's reaction?

Lance: I don't know what to do about my friend Jill. I haven't spoken to her since last weekend, and she won't answer my text messages.

Emily: Did something happen?

Lance: Yeah. I said something about her to another friend. She found out, and now I feel terrible. To be honest, it wasn't anything serious, though. I think she's being unfair and a little immature.

Emily: Well, put yourself in her shoes. Imagine a friend saying something about you behind your back.

Lance: You're probably right.

Emily: Have you been friends for a long time?

Lance: Yes. We've been friends for six years, and we used to talk all the time.

Emily: Then I think you should do the considerate thing and call to say you're sorry.



B Listen to Lance and Jill's phone conversation. What word does Lance use to describe himself?

3 Grammar

Present perfect with *for* and *since*

Use the present perfect to describe an action that began in the past and continues to now. Use *for* to specify the amount of time. Use *since* to specify the starting point.

How long have you been friends?

We've been friends **for six years**.

We've been friends **since middle school**.

She's been upset **for several days**.

I haven't spoken to her **since last weekend**.

for

ten minutes

two hours

several days

a month

six years

a long time

quite a while

since

3:00

last night

Monday

October

2009

high school

I was a kid

A Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*. Then compare with a partner.

- Rod has become more considerate since he got married.
- Mr. and Mrs. Kim haven't had an argument since 1981.
- Pete and Lisa have been on the phone for six hours.
- Tim hasn't spoken with his brother for a long time.
- Jay's been totally unreliable since he started his new job.
- Inez has been in her new job for three months.
- Annie has become less immature since high school.
- Jessica and Hector have been married for 25 years.

B Pair work Ask and answer the questions.

- How long have you been in this class?
- What haven't you done since you were a kid?
- What have you wanted to do for a long time?



4 Speaking Three friends

A Think of three friends. Complete the chart.

	Names	How long we've been friends	Their personality traits
1.			
2.			
3.			

B Group work Tell your group about your friends. Use your information from Part A. Ask and answer questions for more information.

A: I've known my friend Jesse since middle school.

B: What's he like?

A: He's very honest and reliable.

5 Keep talking!

Go to page 138 for more practice.

I can describe people's personalities.



1 Reading

A When were you born? Read the description of your zodiac sign. Does it describe you well?

cambridge.org/thesignsofthezodiac

THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC


 <p>CAPRICORN Dec. 22 – Jan. 20 You're ambitious and good at business, but you sometimes worry about things too much.</p>	 <p>CANCER June 22 – July 22 You're very patient and want everyone to get along, but you can have difficulty showing your feelings.</p>
 <p>AQUARIUS Jan. 21 – Feb. 19 You're creative and care about other people's feelings, but you can sometimes be difficult to work with.</p>	 <p>LEO July 23 – Aug. 23 You're a leader. You like to give, but you don't like to ask for things. You're not very patient.</p>
 <p>PISCES Feb. 20 – March 20 You're considerate, but sometimes you don't help yourself enough. You decide things quickly and rarely change your mind.</p>	 <p>VIRGO Aug. 24 – Sept. 22 You're ambitious and want things done with no mistakes. You are not always open to new ideas.</p>
 <p>ARIES March 21 – April 20 You're optimistic and creative. You know what you want, but you sometimes have difficulty sharing your feelings.</p>	 <p>LIBRA Sept. 23 – Oct. 22 You get along with everyone and are curious about many things. You're always looking for something better.</p>
 <p>TAURUS April 21 – May 21 You're talkative and always say exactly what you think. You work hard, but you can get angry quickly.</p>	 <p>SCORPIO Oct. 23 – Nov. 21 You're a reliable friend, but you can have difficulty sharing your feelings. You know exactly what you want.</p>
 <p>GEMINI May 22 – June 21 You like adventure. You love to try new things and can be very creative. You can sometimes be unreliable.</p>	 <p>SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 – Dec. 21 You're honest – sometimes <i>too</i> honest. You don't always learn from your mistakes.</p>

B Read the chart. Complete the sentences with the correct zodiac signs.

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1. A <u>LEO</u> hates asking for things. | 5. A <u>GEMINI</u> is adventurous. |
| 2. A <u>TAURUS</u> talks a lot. | 6. A <u>PISCE</u> is decisive. |
| 3. A <u>CAPRICORN</u> is good at business. | 7. A <u>SAGITTARIUS</u> always tells the truth. |
| 4. A <u>VIRGO</u> wants everything perfect. | 8. A <u>AQUARIUS</u> is difficult to work with. |


C Group work Think of three people you know. What is each person's zodiac sign? Does it describe their personalities well? Tell your group.

2 Listening Imagine you're in a forest ...

A  Listen to the personality test. Number the questions from 1 to 7 in the order you hear them.

- ☐ What's it made of? _____
- ☐ Who are you with? _____
- ☐ What do you do with it? _____
- ☐ How big is it? _____
- ☐ What kind do you see? _____
- ☐ What's on the table? _____
- ☐ Is it open or closed? _____



B  Listen again. Now take the personality test. Answer the questions with your own ideas.

C Pair work Compare your answers. Then turn to page 153 to see what your answers mean.

3 Writing and speaking My personality

A Think about your personality. Answer the questions.

- What are your positive personality traits? _____
- Are there any traits you'd like to change? _____
- Has your personality changed through the years? If so, how? _____

B Write a paragraph about your personality, but do not write your name! Use the model and your answers in Part A to help you.

What Am I Like?

I'm a pretty easygoing and outgoing person. I'm also very optimistic about the future. I think people like to be around me. However, I can be stubborn sometimes. . . .



C Group work Put your papers facedown on the table. Take one paper and read the description. Your group guesses who it is and agrees or disagrees with the description. Take turns.

A: *I think that paragraph describes Dana.*

B: *Yes, that's right. I wrote that one.*

C: *I agree you're easygoing, Dana, but I don't really think you're stubborn.*

B: *Yes, I am!*



Wrap-up

1 Quick pair review

Lesson A Test your partner! Say an adjective. Can your partner write the adverb form correctly? Take turns. You have two minutes.

"Careful."

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|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <u>carefully</u> | 3. <u>curious</u> | 5. <u>stubborn</u> |
| 2. <u>adventurous</u> | 4. <u>optimistic</u> | 6. <u>easygoing</u> |

Lesson B Give your opinion! Look at the two pieces of art. What do you think of them? Give two opinions about each one. You have two minutes.



A: If you ask me, I think the sculpture is weird. Don't you think so?

B: In my opinion, it's very interesting.

Lesson C Brainstorm! Make a list of positive and negative personality traits. How many do you know? You have two minutes.

Lesson D Find out! Who are two people that you and your partner know with the same personality traits? You have two minutes.

A: My friend John is really stubborn. Do you know a stubborn person?

B: Yes. My little sister!

2 In the real world

What's your zodiac sign? Find your horoscope from yesterday or last week in an English-language newspaper, magazine, or website. Was it true? Write about it.

My Horoscope

I'm a Pisces. My horoscope last week said, "You are going to have a difficult day at work." It was true. I was very busy and nervous because I had to give a presentation. Luckily, it went very well!