

B People we loathe and why we hate them 🎧

Pop stars who start off as **rebels** or **idealists** with strong moral **principles**. Then, as soon as they become rich and famous, their **values** change completely. What **hypocrites**!

Snobs. You know, people who **look down on** others, and think they're **vulgar**.

I was **bullied** at school, and since then I've always **despised bullies**.

People who spread **malicious gossip** are just **despicable** in my opinion.

spotlight **principles and values**

Principles (USU. PL) are strong beliefs that influence how you behave; **values** are beliefs about what is right and important in life. The words are almost synonymous but are used in different expressions. *Eating meat is **against my principles**. I won't go there **on principle**. She has a different **set of values**.*

Glossary

rebel	a person who opposes people in authority. rebel v. rebellious ADJ.
idealist	a person who believes the world can be perfect. idealistic ADJ.
hypocrite	a person who says they have strong principles but does not act according to these principles. hypocrisy N. hypocritical ADJ.
snob	a person who thinks they are better than people in lower social classes.
look down on sb	think that you are better than sb.
vulgar	not polite, elegant, or having good taste. SYNS coarse , crude .
be bullied	be hurt or frightened by sb who is bigger and stronger (the person who does the bullying is a bully).
despise sb/sth	hate and have no respect for sb/sth. despicable ADJ.
malicious	showing hatred and the desire to hurt people's feelings. malice N. SYNS spiteful ADJ, spite N (e.g. <i>He did it out of malice/spite.</i>).
gossip	stories about other people's private lives, which may be unkind or untrue. gossip v (also spread gossip ; the person who does this is a gossip).

4 Write the related adjective.

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| 1 hypocrite _____ | 4 malice _____ |
| 2 rebel _____ | 5 spite _____ |
| 3 idealist _____ | 6 despise _____ |

5 Write a word at the end of the line to describe each of these people.

- He looks down on other people. He's a _____.
- She's always talking about others behind their back. She's a _____.
- She's against anyone in a position of power or authority. She's a _____.
- He's horrible to anyone he sees as smaller or weaker. He's a _____.
- She believes everything in the world can be perfect. She's an _____.
- He tells us it's wrong to swear, then he uses bad language. He's a _____.
- I'm afraid he's got bad manners and he's very rude. He's _____.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers or ask another student.

Being a snob or being a hypocrite – which is worse? _____
 Is bullying worse than either of the above? Why/why not? _____
 How do you feel about people who spread gossip? _____
 Is there anything or anyone that you despise? Why? _____

18 I can talk about behaviour

A Influences on behaviour

Why do we behave the way we do? Is it **nature** or **nurture**? According to behavioural psychologist Michael Woods, various factors have an **impact on** our lives.

Parents **play** a crucial **part**; other **role models** are less influential.

Peer pressure is a significant factor.

Positive **incentives** are effective; **deterrents** aren't.

A **broken home** or **deprived** childhood needn't have a **detrimental effect**.

Glossary

nature	the basic character of a person: <i>Violence isn't in his nature.</i>
nurture	the care and attention given to help sb develop. nurture sb v.
impact (on sth)	an effect or influence on sth.
play a part (in sth)	be involved and influential in developing sth.
role model	a person you admire and learn from.
peer pressure	the influence on your behaviour of people around you of the same age.
incentive (to do sth)	a thing that encourages you to work harder, do sth, etc.
deterrent	a thing that makes you less likely to do sth. deter sb v.
broken home	a family in which the parents are divorced or separated.
deprived	without sufficient food, education, or money. deprivation n.
detrimental effect (on sth)	a very negative effect. opp beneficial effect .

1 Find six compound words or phrases in the box.

peer nature or play broken deprived a beneficial
home pressure childhood a part nurture? effect

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2 Are these positive or negative statements? Write P or N.

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| 1 She was nurtured by her parents. _____ | 4 It had a detrimental effect on me. _____ |
| 2 He's considered a role model for boys. _____ | 5 It proved to be a real incentive. _____ |
| 3 There is a lot of deprivation. _____ | 6 It was a deterrent to helping others. _____ |

3 Complete the text.

Dan came from a broken (1) _____, had a fairly (2) _____ childhood, and was stealing by the age of 13 because of peer (3) _____. He also got into fights, although it wasn't in his (4) _____ to be violent. Then he joined a boxing club, which had a real (5) _____ on his life. The owner was Dan's first positive role (6) _____, and he played an important (7) _____ in changing Dan's attitude to life. Dan is now dedicated to boxing. He could be in the England team at the next Olympics, and that is a real (8) _____ for him to train hard.

4 ABOUT YOU Do you agree with the statements at the top of the page? Write your answers or ask another student.