Personality

1.The following adjectives can be used to describe personality. Underline the stressed syllable in each adjective.

Competent, conscientious, genuine, idealistic, imaginative, insecure, modest, naïve, open-minded, outgoing protective self-centred, unconventional

Answers

**Com**petent, consci**en**tious, **ge**nuine, idea**lis**tic, i**ma**ginative, **in**secure, **mo**dest, na**ïve**, **o**pen-**min**ded, out**go**ing pro**tec**tive **self**-**cen**tred, uncon**ven**tional, in**sen**sitive

2.Complete the table by writing each adjective in the correct column.

Personality Adjectives

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| Usually positive | Usually negative | Positive and negative |
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| Usually positive | Usually negative | Positive and negative |
| Competent  Conscientious  Genuine  Imaginative  Modest  Open-minded  Outgoing | Insecure  Insensitive  Naïve  Self-centred | Idealistic  Protective  unconventional |

3.You are going to hear five short extracts in which people are talking about their friends. Before you listen, look at the list (A-H) of how they first met in Task One.

Think of a friend of yours and try to recall the first time you met?

What things attracted you to the person that made you become friends?

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| Task One  For questions 1-5, choose from the list (A-H) how each person originally met their friend.  A at a musical event  B on public transport  C through a relative D at school  E through another friend  F at work  G at a sporting event  H as a neighbour | Task Two  For questions 6-10 choose from the list (A-H) the quality each speaker’s friend has.  A a talent for listening  B a reluctance to criticise  C a desire to share  D willingness to apologise  E kindness to others  F enthusiasm for new ideas  G an ability to keep secrets  H continual optimism |
| Speaker 1 1\_\_\_  Speaker 2 2\_\_\_  Speaker 3 3\_\_\_  Speaker 4 4\_\_\_  Speaker 5 5\_\_\_ | Speaker 1 6 \_\_\_  Speaker 2 7 \_\_\_  Speaker 3 8 \_\_\_  Speaker 4 9 \_\_\_ -  Speaker 5 10 \_\_\_ |

4.Which of the following phrases would you associate with each encounter? (Some of the phrases can refer to more than one).

When we did get together we didn’t get on

We ended up in the same band and played together for a while

Loud music coming from the flat below mine

He always seems to be around

Most other people don’t keep things to themselves

We’ve been friends ever since

We always manage to go there together even after all these years

I’d never have thought we’d become such good friends friends

5.Look at the list of qualities (A-H) in Task Two and try to paraphrase each of them using your own words.