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 |
| CompetentConscientiousGenuineImaginativeModestOpen-mindedOutgoing | InsecureInsensitiveNaïveSelf-centred | IdealisticProtectiveunconventional |

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 OneFor questions 1-5, choose from the list (A-H) how each person originally met their friend.A at a musical eventB on public transportC through a relativeD at schoolE through another friendF at workG at a sporting eventH as a neighbour | Task TwoFor questions 6-10 choose from the list (A-H) the quality each speaker’s friend has.A a talent for listeningB a reluctance to criticiseC a desire to shareD willingness to apologiseE kindness to othersF enthusiasm for new ideasG an ability to keep secretsH 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.