

Personality

- 1 For 1–8, underline the adjective in each group which is very different in meaning to the other three. In each case say in what way it is different. Use a dictionary to help you.

cheerful fussy enthusiastic lively

A fussy person is someone who worries too much about small details. The other three are all positive adjectives describing happy, keen or energetic people.

1	friendly	outgoing	reserved	sociable
2	patient	grumpy	moody	bad-tempered
3	responsible	sensible	irritable	reliable
4	tough	brave	adventurous	sensitive
5	easy-going	relaxed	nervous	even-tempered
6	confident	tolerant	decisive	self-assured
7	kind	caring	thoughtful	lazy
8	rude	practical	impolite	bad-mannered

grumpy vs bad-tempered: you can be grumpy without necessarily being bad-tempered, which is more character-related.

Outgoing vs sociable: outgoing is comfortable in social settings and interactions; confident in dealing with people especially in meeting new people; gregarious while sociable is tending to socialize or be social; friendly; inviting; congenial.

Reliable: *que s'hi pot confiar*

Sensible (*sensat* – false friend) vs sensitive (*sensible*)

Easy-going: relaxed and not easily upset or worried

Even-tempered vs moody: *estable emocionalment*, always calm and never angry or too excited about anything / their moods change suddenly and they become angry or unhappy easily

Confident: *segur de si mateix* vs self-assured → sure of yourself in such a way that relates to you and your actions (it also comes with a minor connotation of pride)

Decisive: /dɪ'saɪsɪv/

Caring (kind, sensitive, empathetic) vs thoughtful (demonstrating thought or careful consideration, for other as well)

Rude (someone who is deliberately disrespectful, crude, rough and insulting) vs impolite (not polished, does not follow rules of etiquette, and does not have good manners - temporary) vs bad-mannered (more inner-self).

1. **reserved** = shy, unwilling to talk about or show one's feelings; the others all describe someone who enjoys meeting and talking to people.

2. **patient** = able to wait for a long time or deal with a difficult situation without becoming angry or upset; the others describe someone who gets angry easily.

3. **irritable** = likely to become easily annoyed or impatient; the others describe a person who can be trusted to do the right thing.

4. **sensitive** = caring about someone and not wanting to hurt their feelings or likely to become angry or upset easily; the others might be used to describe someone who seeks out and/or is capable of dealing with difficult or dangerous situations.

5. **nervous** = worried, afraid, not calm; the others describe someone who remains calm and does not easily get upset or angry.

6. **tolerant** = willing to accept or put up with someone else's behaviour and opinions even if you disagree with them; the others could be used to describe someone who believes in themselves and their own abilities and judgements.

7. **lazy** = not willing to work or make an effort; the others describe someone who thinks about other people and wants to help them.

8. **practical** = making sensible decisions or able to do or make useful things; the others are negative and describe someone who is not polite.