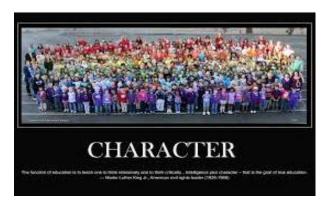
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Character



■ Dialogue

- A. How do you think people get their personalities?
- B. I think it's mainly from the environment a person lives in.
- A. Don't you think people get their personalities from their parents?
- B. No, but parents control a lot of the environment that kids grow up in, so they certainly influence their kids' personalities a lot.
- A. So why do you think many kids have personalities that are so different from their parents'?
- B. Maybe when they become teenagers, they want to be completely different to their parents.
- A. You might be right. I guess most parents want their kids to be like them, but kids today grow up in a different environment. You know, they know much more about the world from then internet, newspapers, and TV.

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- B. Do you think that teenagers get a lot of their bad behavior from TV and movies?
- A. Maybe some of it. I think a lot of people blame TV and movies when the real problem is that the parent's aren't bringing their child up correctly.
- B. Parents have a difficult job. They have to bring up their children and usually have to work too.
- A. Yes, that's true. Your son is doing well at school, isn't he?
- B. Yes, he is. He's very hardworking when he's at school. Then he comes home from school and does his homework before dinner. After dinner he goes out with his friends.

A. So, he's not a bookworm? It's good that he has an outgoing personality. Some kids are very quiet and introverted. You wonder how they'll survive in the real world without their parents to support them.

Useful expressions

- 1. Paul is very sociable and much more honest than his brother.
- 2. Do you think people get their personalities from their parents?
- 3. Parents influence their kids' personalities a lot.
- 4. Most parents want their kids to be like them.
- 5. It's good that he has an outgoing personality.



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- 6. Do you ever pretend to be polite?
- 7. She's not only beautiful, but she also has a great personality.

Vocabularies

Polite - Showing regard for others in manners, speech,

behaviour, etc.

Example: "even if he didn't like them he should have been

polite"

Energetic - Possessing, exerting or displaying energy

Example: "an energetic group of hikers"

Extrovert - A sociable person who is lively and outgoing

Example: "I am an extrovert person"

Aggressive - Having or showing determination and energetic

pursuit of your ends

Example: "an aggressive basketball player"



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Tenaciously unwilling or marked by tenacious Stubborn -

unwillingness to yield

Example: "don't be a stubborn!"

Phrases

- Think of someone
- Have a ... Personality
- Be considered (shy)
- Pretend to be ..
- To be alike
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