

FOCUS ON WORDS | Personality adjectives

- 4 1.2 In your notebook, match the adjectives in red from the blog with their synonyms below. Then listen and check.

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| 1 tolerant = <u>unprejudiced</u> | 5 thoughtful = ? |
| 2 stubborn = ? | 6 practical = ? |
| 3 quick-witted = ? | 7 loyal = ? |
| 4 disrespectful = ? | |

- 5 In your notebook, write the correct adjective in red for each gap.

- My grandma accepts all people. She is completely unprejudiced.
- My friend is very ? . She always puts other people first.
- Even though he is ninety, my grandfather is still ? enough to do crosswords and sudoku puzzles.
- I think that dogs are more ? pets than cats.
- My brother is very ? – he never compromises.
- She is ? and realistic, whereas I am idealistic and impractical.
- He is ? , especially towards people in authority.



FOCUS ON WORDS | Collocations

- 6 Look at the underlined collocations in the text. In pairs, discuss what they mean.
- 7 1.3 In your notebook, rewrite the sentences replacing the words underlined below with the correct forms of the collocations underlined in the text. Listen and check. Which statements do you agree with? Why?
- To reach the top position of an Olympic athlete, you need to make sacrifices.
To reach the dizzy heights of an Olympic athlete, you need to make sacrifices.
 - No one should have to experience difficulties in this day and age.
 - People with a(n) modest presence can't influence others.
 - Home-made goodies are always better than bought ones.
 - Certain smells can bring back images of childhood holidays.
 - You need strength and determination if you want to lead.
 - A(n) lack of height is an advantage if you're travelling by plane.
 - Few parents would show their acceptance if their teenager had a tattoo done.

FOCUS ON WORDS | EXTRA Collocations

- 8 1.4 In your notebook, match the words from boxes A and B to make more collocations. Listen and check. Then write an example sentence for each collocation.

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| A | 1 birthday | 2 blot out | 3 face | 4 forthright | 5 free |
| | 6 imposing | 7 lofty | 8 require | | |
| B | approval | hardships | heights | manner | memories |
| | stature | treat | will | | |

- 1 *Her boyfriend took her to a fancy restaurant as a birthday treat.*

FOCUS ON WORDS | Common phrases

- 9 1.5 In your notebook, match the phrases highlighted in the blog with the definitions below. Then listen and check.

- remain calm/not show any shock = not bat an eyelid
- finds the good things about sb = ?
- a disproportionate amount = ?
- asserts sth strongly = ?
- carried on as normal = ?
- behaved as if sth did not worry her = ?
- a very old age = ?

- 10 In your notebook, complete the sentences with an expression from Exercise 9 in the correct form. Are any true for you? Why?/Why not?

- If I decided to leave school and get a job, my parents would not bat an eyelid.
- I've had ? of bad luck recently.
- Nobody in my family has ever lived to ? of a hundred.
- I can't talk right now – I have to ? my homework.
- Last Saturday, my mum ? and wouldn't let me go out.
- My best friend is a kind person and always ? others.
- If my pet died, I'd find it hard to ? – I'd be too upset.

- 11 **SPEAKING** Describe your oldest relative to a partner. Use as many words from this lesson as possible. Who has the oldest relative in class?

- 30 I love her colourfully cluttered home, which always smells of the latest home-baked treats. When I go round now, I still expect to hear the cheerful sound of her **faithful** little dog scuttling to the door. When he passed away suddenly a few years ago, she must have been heartbroken, but as always, she put on a brave face and got on with it. I love her unassuming manner and the way she always sees the best in people. I'm thankful for the miracle of DNA which means I've inherited some of the traits of my beloved grandmother, a small lady with an enormous heart.