

Part 1

Unscramble the characteristics of people.

- _____ doynom
- _____ ilbaelre
- _____ iedosnrecta
- _____ taerum
- _____ belxetil
- _____ teamumir
- _____ ivggriofn
- _____ eresbilnops

Part 2

Use the words from Part 1 to complete each sentence. In class, take turns reading the sentences with a partner.

- Whenever you have a problem, your uncle is always there for you. He is very _____.
- Even though he is only 18 years old, he is in his third year at university. He is very _____ for his age.
- You like to change your plans a lot, but luckily your friend is _____ and doesn't get upset.
- When your brother does something wrong, your mother doesn't stay angry very long. She is _____.
- Movie stars who are angry one minute but kind the next become famous because they are _____.
- She's 20 years old, but she acts like she is 15. She's _____.
- People know you will take care of things in your classroom. They think you are _____.
- Your friend always thinks about other people and how they feel. She is _____.

Part 3

Use the words from Part 1 to write the opposites.

- irresponsible _____
- immature _____
- unforgiving _____
- inflexible _____
- inconsiderate _____
- unreliable _____

In class, use the opposites with a partner.

A: My sister is a little irresponsible. Yesterday, she didn't call to tell my mom that she would be late for dinner. My mom was worried.

B: So your sister needs to be more _____.

A: Yeah.

Part 1

Read the letters below.

Family drama

Dear Dr. Drama,
I'm getting married next month and I have a problem. My brother and I do not get along. In fact, we haven't spoken in months. He is older than I am, but he is moody and immature. He is mad at me because of something very small. I borrowed his car one night to go out with some friends. I went a little too fast and we had a little accident. I hit a tree, and there was a small dent in the front and a flat tire, but that is easy to fix. You could still see through the crack in the windshield. Anyway, I think he should be more flexible and forgiving. Now, should I invite him to the wedding?
Bummed Brother

Dear Bummed,
It sounds like you are the one who is immature. You crashed your brother's car! He has a right to be mad at you. Have you made a sincere apology? Did you offer to pay for the repairs? I think you need to be more responsible. Apologize, and invite him to the wedding.
Dr. Drama

Answer the questions.

1. Who is Bummed having a problem with? _____
2. What is happening next month? _____
3. Is his brother older or younger? _____
4. Why did Bummed have an accident? _____
5. What happened to the car? _____
6. What does Dr. Drama tell Bummed to do? _____

PAIR WORK Discuss the questions.

1. Who do you agree with more, Bummed or his brother? Why?
2. What do you think of Dr. Drama's advice?

Part 2

Write a letter to Dr. Drama asking for advice. Describe a real or imaginary problem you are having or had in the past with someone in your family.

Part 3

Exchange letters with a classmate. Write a response.