

# Words That Describe Behavior

## Positive Social Behavior:

- Caring: desire to help people
- Charming: pleasant, delightful
- Considerate: thinking of others
- Enthusiastic: has strong feelings; ardent
- Excitable: gets excited easily
- Faithful: being loyal
- Funny: causing people to laugh
- Kind: thoughtful, caring
- Pleasant: polite
- Polite: exhibiting good manners
- Sincere: being totally honest
- Thoughtful: thinking things over

## Negative Social Behavior:

- Aggressive: verbally or physically threatening
- Argumentative: often arguing with people
- Bossy: always telling people what to do
- Deceitful: doing or saying anything to get people to do what you want or to get what you want
- Domineering: constantly trying to control others
- Inconsiderate: not caring about others or their feelings
- Irritating: bothering people
- Manic: acting just a little crazy
- Manipulative: always trying to influence other people
- Moody: being unpredictable; changing moods often
- Rude: treating people badly; breaking social rules
- Spiteful: seeking revenge; hurting others because you didn't get what you want
- Thoughtless: not thinking about the effects of your actions or words

## **Personal Behavior:**

- Active: always busy with something
- Ambitious: strongly wants to succeed
- Assertive: being outgoing and confident
- Careless: not being careful; rushing into things
- Cautious: being very careful
- Conceited: thinks he is better than others; arrogant
- Conscientious: taking time to do things right
- Creative: someone who can make up things easily or think of new things
- Curious: always wanting to know things
- Docile: submissive, does what he is told
- Extroverted: very outgoing; confident
- Impulsive: saying or doing things without thinking first
- Introverted: keeps to himself, doesn't share thoughts and feelings
- Inventive: thinks of new ideas
- Nervous: very uncomfortable
- Passive: does not argue; does as he is told
- Perfectionist: wants everything to be done right and perfectly
- Pragmatic: always sees the practical side of things
- Reserved: keeps thoughts and feelings to himself
- Serious: no-nonsense kind of behavior
- Shy: quiet and reserved; lacking in confidence
- Trustworthy: simply worthy of someone's trust
- Volatile: changing moods very quickly

## **General Good Behavior:**

adaptable, brave, confident, cooperative, courageous, debonair, decisive, determined, generous, hilarious, honorable, kind, lively, pleasant, productive, protective, receptive, reflective, responsible, romantic, self-assured, sensitive, shrewd, unusual, witty, wonderful, zany, and zealous.

## **Unacceptable Behavior:**

They are: abrasive, abusive, angry, anxious, belligerent, boorish, cowardly, crazy, creepy, cruel, dangerous, defiant, erratic, finicky, flashy, flippant, foolish, furtive, guarded, jittery, malicious, mysterious, obnoxious, outrageous, panicky, secretive, strange, threatening, unsuitable, vengeful, and wary.

## *Adjectives that Describe People's Personality*

**affectionate** - an affectionate person is someone who is very loving.

**Example sentence:** My wife is very **affectionate**.

**aggressive** (*negative*) - someone who is physically or verbally threatening towards other people.

**Example sentences:** I don't like **aggressive** people. I like people who are relaxed and calm.

**ambitious** - an adjective used to describe a person who is keen to get on in life.

**Example sentences:** Johnny is very **ambitious**. He is hoping to be promoted soon.

**anxious** - someone who worries a lot.

**Example sentences:** Trish is a very **anxious** person. She worries far too much about things.

**artistic** - someone who is good at creative things, such as painting and drawing.

**Example sentences:** Jennifer is very **artistic**. She is really good at drawing.

**bad-tempered** - somebody who gets angry a lot.

**Example sentences:** My Uncle is really **bad-tempered**. He is always shouting at my aunt.

**big-headed** - someone with a very high opinion of themselves.

**Example sentences:** Simon is a bit **big-headed**. He thinks more of himself than others do.

**boring** - (*negative*) used to describe someone who is not very interesting.

**Example sentences:** Ann is a bit **boring**. She never has anything interesting to say.

**bossy** - (*mildly negative*) used to describe someone who tries to control other people.

**Example sentences:** My gran is a bit **bossy**. She's always ordering my poor grandad about.

**charismatic** - somebody who attracts other people, and who is good at getting people's attention.

**Example sentence:** Barack Obama is a very **charismatic** politician.

**Creative** - someone who is an original thinker, or who has artistic skills.

**Example sentences:** Mona is very **creative**. She is always coming up with new ideas.

**courageous** - an adjective used to describe someone who is very brave.

**Example sentences:** Abdul is a fireman. He is very **courageous**. He rescues people from fires.

**dependable** - an adjective used to describe someone who is very reliable.

**Example sentences:** Ruth is very **dependable**. She always keeps her promises.

**devious** - (*negative*) used to describe someone who cheats other people, to get what they want.

**Example sentences:** Sam can be bit **devious** at times. I wouldn't trust him.

**dim** - (*negative insult*) used to describe someone who is not very intelligent.

**Be careful when using this word!** Using neutral adjectives to describe people is much safer.

**extroverted** - someone who is very outgoing.

**Example sentences:** Dave is very **extroverted**. He's always the life and soul of the party!

**egotistical** - (*negative*) used for describing someone who acts as if they are more important than others.

**Example sentences:** Simon is a bit **egotistical**. He tends to look down on people.

**gregarious** - very sociable.

**Example sentences:** Tina is very **gregarious**. She has lots of friends.