

Word of the Month: TWO-FACED

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1. Read these sentences

- a. Jane thinks she is better than all her team-mates. She is so **arrogant**, especially since she scored that goal last week.
- b. Sandy refused to give her sister a chocolate. She is so **mean**, she never shares anything.
- c. Finn is so **bossy**. He tells his little brother what to do all the time, even though he is only one year older.
- d. James is so **two-faced**! He always smiles sweetly at David and then says terrible things about him to their classmates.
- e. Nick is so **rude** – he never says 'please' or 'thank you', not even in restaurants. It's so embarrassing.
- f. Gina fights with everyone about everything – she is so **aggressive**! She won't have any friends left soon.

2. Match the opposite adjectives.

Column A

- a. arrogant
- b. mean
- c. bossy
- d. two-faced
- e. rude
- f. aggressive

Column B

1. polite
2. obedient
3. humble
4. generous
5. calm
6. honest

3. Complete the sentences with one of the adjectives from exercise 1.

- a. My sister is very _____. She always decides which games we play and *sulks* if we refuse.
- b. Sometimes customers are _____ to waiters and other people who work in the service industry.
- c. My neighbour's dog is very _____. It barks and growls every time it sees me. I'm a bit scared of it, to be honest.
- d. Some people with a lot of money can be _____. They think their wealth makes them *above the law*.

e. Some of the girls on my volleyball team are really _____. They act nice all the time but then gossip about each other. I try not to get involved.

f. I like my Aunt Carol but she is quite _____; she never buys us nice birthday presents. We always get bizarre things that we don't need and will never use.

Glossary

sulks: tiene il broncio

above the law: sopra la legge

4. Now write sentences with the adjectives in exercise 2, column B.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

5. Can you transform all the adjectives from exercise 2 into nouns? Write each adjective under the right column. Then write the nouns. Use a dictionary to help you.

-ance

-ence

-ness

-y

-ity

-ion

Column A

Column B

Adjective

Noun

Adjective

Noun

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| a. _____ | _____ | 1. _____ | _____ |
| b. _____ | _____ | 2. _____ | _____ |
| c. _____ | _____ | 3. _____ | _____ |
| d. _____ | _____ | 4. _____ | _____ |
| e. _____ | _____ | 5. _____ | _____ |
| f. _____ | _____ | 6. _____ | _____ |

Teacher's Notes

1. Ask the students to read the sentences and then work with a partner and decide if the adjectives are positive or negative. They are all negative.

2. Match the opposite adjectives.

a. 3 b. 4 c. 2 d. 6 e. 1 f. 5

3. Elicit examples of people the students know who are mean or aggressive for example, before doing ex. 3.

- a. My sister is very **bossy**. She always decides which games we play and sulks if we refuse.
- b. Sometimes customers are **rude** to waiters and other people who work in the service industry.
- c. My neighbour's dog is very **aggressive**. It barks and growls every time it sees me. I'm a bit scared of it, to be honest.
- d. Some people with a lot of money can be **arrogant**. They think their wealth makes them above the law.
- e. Some of the girls on my volleyball team are really **two-faced**. They act nice all the time but then gossip about each other. I try not to get involved.
- f. I like my Aunt Carol but she is quite **mean**; she never buys us nice birthday presents. We always get bizarre things that we don't need and will never use.

4. Students' own answers.

5.

-ance	-ence	-ness	-y	-ity	ion
arrogant	obedient	mean	honest	generous	aggressive
polite		humble			
		rude			
		calm			
		bossy			
		two-faced			

arrogance obedience meanness politeness rudeness calmness bossiness two-facedness honesty
generosity humility aggression