Every Kind of People

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn and practice new idioms. Learn to describe personalities. Practice the past tense. Simulate situations. Get to know each other.

"It takes all sorts to make a world"
"It takes every kind of people to make the world go round"

Activity One - What kind of person are you? * Think about this question at home before the lesson and look up some adjectives to describe your personality. *(https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/adjectives-personality-positive.htm)*

Some adjectives that describe you -

Ask your partner ***"How would you describe your personality"*,** Then look at the **idioms** and decide which describe them the best. Then introduce your partner to the rest of the group using some of the idioms below.

- **Happy go lucky** (to have a very positive view on life and be cheerful about most things)
- **Easy going** (takes life as it comes, is adaptable and does not worry too much)
- **A born optimist** (always thinks positively)
- **A culture vulture** (loves culture and enjoys discovering new things and learning)
- **An eager beaver** (works hard and is very enthusiastic)
- **An early bird** (a person who gets up early to work and get on, 'the early bird gets the worm')
- **An earth mother** (a very caring and maternal woman)
- **A family man** (a man who is devoted to his family)
- **A good egg** (a good person who always likes to help everyone)
- **A jack of all trades** (someone who puts his hand to everything and is capable of doing lots of different types of job)
- **A man of his word/woman of her word** (always keeps promises and very honest)
- **A mover and shaker** (influential and makes things happen)
- **A whiz kid** (young and very successful)
- **A geek** (very interested in technology and good with computers and the internet)
- **All things to all people** (I try to please and satisfy everyone)
- **A people pleaser** (I try to please and satisfy everyone)
- **A big cheese** (you have a lot of influence)
- **A bad egg** (an untrustworthy dishonest person)
- **An armchair critic** (Criticises things a lot without actually doing anything about the problem)
- **A charmer** (someone who is very charming)
- **A fast-talker** (someone who is good at persuading people)
- **A busy body** (a person who interferes and is overly interested in other people's lives)
- **A cheapskate** (very stingy)
- **A know it all** (someone who has an opinion about everything)
- **A slime ball** (a hypocritical insincere and dishonest person)
- **A worrier** or **a worrywart** (someone who worries too much - 'a bit of a worrier')
- **OCD** (obsessive compulsive (someone who has obsessional thoughts and compulsions)
- **Uptight** (someone who can't relax and is rigid and conventional)
- **Straight laced** (exaggeratedly prudish, correct and proper)

Activity Two - **Act out the situations** - With a ***new*** partner act out on of the scenarios in **two** different ways as **two** different types of person.

Scenario 1 - A bank robbery - one person is the robber and the other is the cashier. Act it out in the following ways:

A/
Robber - slime ball
Cashier - armchair critic

B/
Robber - born optimist
Cashier - know it all



Scenario 2 - A birth - one person is the mother giving birth and the other is the father watching. Act it out in the following ways:

A/
Mother - a people pleaser
Father - a cheapskate

B/
Mother - OCD and very uptight
Father - fast talker, very charming slime ball.



Scenario 3 - A job interview - one person is applying for a job in a bank. The other person is the bank manager interviewing the candidate. Act it out in the following ways:

A/
Candidate - happy go lucky, easy going older person
Bank manager - a mover and shaker whiz kid

B/
Candidate - Charming fast talker who wants to be all things to all people and is a bit of a bad egg.
Bank manager - Busy body who is quite uptight and very straight laced!

Scenario 4 -The hairdressers - one person is the hairdresser and the other is the client. The hair cut and colour has not come out exactly how the client was expecting. Act it out in these ways:

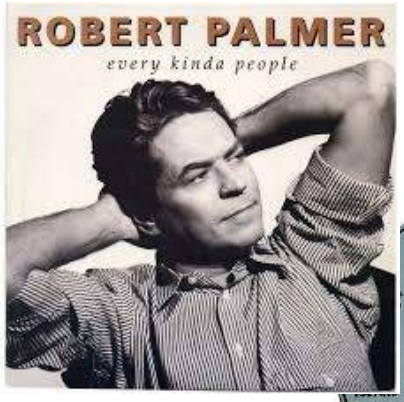
A/
Hairdresser - Easy going earth mother
Client - A mover and shaker

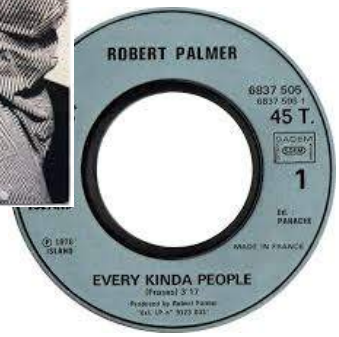
B/
Hairdresser - Fast talking slime ball and a cheapskate as well.
Client - OCD a worrier and very straight laced as well

Activity Three - **Every Kind of People** - Robert Palmer - Listen to the song and answer the questions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_tEH_YYqEH0

1. What does the expression 'to make ends meet' mean?
2. What is a man trying to show?
3. What does it take to make the world go round?
4. What is someone looking for?
5. What is someone fighting against?
6. What is someone protecting?
7. What advice does the song give?
8. What's the only goal?
9. What do men have in common?
10. What did you think of the song?

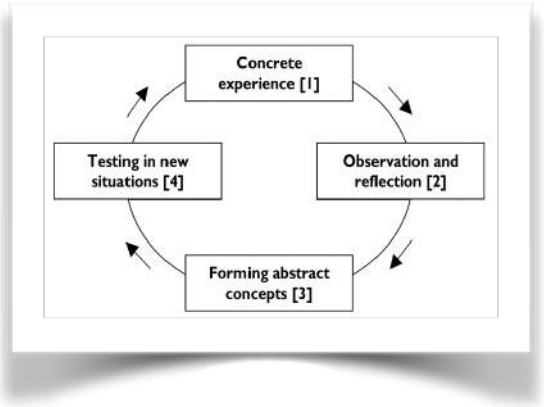




Activity Four - Reading activity - Article

It takes all sorts to make a world

Experience shapes our personality.



The kind of person you are today will depend on a variety of factors. Your DNA, the way you were brought up, your family environment, your education and, of course, your experience, “once bitten twice shy”, “you live and learn”, “you learn a new thing every day”, “you never know until you try”, all of these are common idiomatic expressions about learning through experience. Indeed it is universally accepted that our personalities are shaped through experience.

We can also learn other things through experiencing them, language is a good example. If we connect words and expressions to something that we have experienced then it is quite easy to remember them. That’s why you should keep lists of words related to a certain experience or event all together rather than trying to put them in alphabetical order or sorting them in any other way to learn them. If you keep your English lessons, feedback and notes together and review them from time to time, you will remember the new words in this way, linked to the experience of the lesson.

Experiential learning, as a general concept, means learning through doing things rather than didactic learning. There has been a lot of research done on experiential learning and on what constitutes our personalities. Numerous scientific studies exist which seek to either prove or disprove that we are born with certain personality traits which we we keep throughout our lives. Everyone agrees however that experience affects who we are and how we act.

David A Kolb is one of the most famous theorists who have worked with the concept. He identified four elements which have to be reunited in order to make us learn from an experience. In his theory a person has to observe and reflect on an experience, form an abstract concept based on that reflection and then test out this concept repeatedly in order to learn from it.

This could explain why small kids do silly things over and over again before they finally learn not to. It could also explain why we often make the same mistakes several times. This is why we often hear people saying “you’ll never learn!”, or “will you ever learn?”. Whilst scientists and psychologists may disagree on how personality is formed and on which factors influence it, they all agree that experience is an important factor in our development. “Personality traits are formed during childhood but are often affected by a multitude of factors. While culture can definitely be one, life experiences are probably what shape character the most.” (Joseph Coleman)

Activity Five - **Team Game** - Answer the questions and reply USING THE PAST TENSES. If you make a mistake in the past tense then your teacher will sound the buzzer and someone from your team will try to correct you. You will get points for each past tense you use correctly.

Let’s see if you remember how to use the **different past tenses** - **QUICK REVISION**:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sqSJbF1cX0

A. Describe a character forming incident from your childhood.
B. Explain which people in your past influenced you and helped you become the person you are today.
C. Which years in your life have been those you learned the most, and why.

More practice at homehttp://www.easyaccessenglish.com/clive-dalton-this-is-your-life/

