TOPIC 1: PERSONAL IDENTITY

Preparation time: 10 min





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- 1. Does the personality we are born with determine our lives, or do the things that what happens to us shape our personality as we grow older? Do you think there may be key aspects of our personality which were already in us when we were very young?
- 2. Do you have more good qualities than bad ones? What good qualities do you value on other people? Do you think our leaders should be more **outspoken on** human rights? How important is it to be trustworthy nowadays? Are the people around you **even-tempered**?
- 3. What five traits characterize you? What are your main qualities? What are your main defects? How do your friends "see" you? Are you **witty**?
- 4. Are you easy or uneasy **opening up to** other people? Are you **gregarious**? or do you try to avoid other people getting personally too close to you? Tell us about a person you know who you would consider a **dark horse**.
- 5. Do you commit yourself fully to things you take on? Are there any **last-minute deadline junkies** where you work? Do you work more comfortably with **circumspect or with impetuous colleagues**?

2. Partner A: Below there are some issues related to the topic. You must talk about at least two of them for 3 minutes approx. you may be asked further questions about the topic when you have finished.

- 1. Do you feel confident in your ability to deal with any situation? Tell us about **a tough cookie** you know.
- 2. Tell us about a person you know who **is very set in his ways**. How do you feel about people who are **obstinate**?
- 3. How do other people annoy you most? What irritates you most about other people? Are there any **busybodies** where you work? How do you respond to **inquisitive** people? What about **detail-obsessed nit-pickers?** How do you feel with someone who is **domineering**? What about someone who is **a wet blanket**? What personality do you find most **infuriating**?

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- 1. Is there also a relationship between our personality traits and how successful we are in education or at work? Tell us about **a big cheese** you know.
- 2. Can you tell us about the last time you met someone who came across as courteous?
- 3. How important is it to be **self-reliant** nowadays? Do you know any public figure who can be described as a **loose cannon**?