

Lesson 19: Personal Characteristics

1) IDENTITY

- a) Deaf children often gain their Deaf cultural identity from residential schools.

Hint: 'I' from cheek to NDH palm facing out.

2) MEAN

- a) It is mean to tease a dog with food and not give it to him.

Hint: '5' to '10' hands - DH strikes down against NDH.

3) FRIENDLY

- a) Lashonda is friendly only when customers are present.

Hint: Wiggle '5' hands like a friendly person's face that glows when they smile.

4) JEALOUS

- a) I am envious of rich people.

Hint: Turn a 'J' near the corner of your mouth.

5) CONCERNED

- a) Any comments or concerns?

Hint: Alternate tapping chest with '5' hands and bent middle finger.

6) GREEDY

- a) The movie Greed was about an old man's family that is so greedy!

Hint: Draw everything towards yourself like a greedy person.

7) SELFISH

- a) Children are encouraged to share and not be selfish with their toys.

Hint: Pull bent '3's' back at your hips like you are keeping everything for yourself.

8) INTELLIGENT

- a) When you wear glasses, you look intelligent!

Hint: Show a sharp mind with your DH '8' finger flicking off your forehead.

9) STRICT

- a) Many colleges and universities have strict policies against plagiarism.

Hint: Bent 'V' against nose like being hard-nosed.

10) INDIRECT

- a) English is an indirect language while ASL is direct.

Hint: Waver around the point never reaching it.

11) STRAIGHTFORWARD, BLUNT, DIRECT

- a) I will be blunt with you and I hope I don't hurt your feelings.

Hint: 'B' hand straight off your nose.

- 12) LAZY
a) I'm too lazy to think of more sentences.
Hint: 'L' tap on your heart.
- 13) CONFIDENT
a) The lawyer is confident that he'll win the case.
Hint: THINK + grasp hands in front of stomach.
- 14) APPREHENSIVE, NERVOUS
a) I was so nervous to take my interpreting test I made my stomach upset.
Hint: Shake your hands as they shake when nervous.
- 15) CONFUSED
a) Allan was confused about his homework.
Hint: THINK + scramble
- 16) POLITE
a) In the past children were much more polite than they are today.
Hint: Tap chest with side of '5' DH.
- 17) FEMININE
a) Growing up my friend Justin was always described by his peers as effeminate.
Hint: Tap 'F'
- 18) SHOCKED
a) When I heard about the shooting, I was shocked to hear it was my neighbor.
Hint: Imagine your eyes getting wide with shock.
- 19) PUZZLED
a) I felt puzzled by the look on her face.
Hint: Pull 'X' back onto forehead.
- 20) SCARED, FRIGHTENED
a) My friend's dog is scared of the sound of cards being shuffled.
Hint: 'S' to '5' hands.
- 21) SHY
a) Gene was too shy to ask Heather to dance.
Hint: Think of a person trying to hide their head.
- 22) ASHAMED
a) You should be ashamed of yourself!
Hint: SHY off the cheek.
- 23) ORDINARY, PLAIN
a) J.K. Rowling may look ordinary but really she is a famous author!
Hint: EVERYDAY

24) SKEPTICAL

- a) I am skeptical about your truthfulness.

Hint: bent 'V' under eye.

25) EGOTISTICAL, BIGHEADED

- a) I can't bear listening to that bigheaded person.

Hint: BIG at head

26) RELIEVED

- a) I was so relieved to have insurance when I broke my elbow.

Hint: Settle down your feelings.

27) CRAZY

- a) I feel crazy when I eat too much sugar.

Hint: Think of the gesture used to indicate someone is crazy.

28) STUBBORN

- a) My son is as stubborn as his father.

Hint: Imagine a stubborn donkey's ear.

29) CURIOUS

- a) Don't be too curious or you may get yourself into trouble.

Hint: Wiggle an 'F' at your Adam's apple

30) DISGUSTED

- a) I watch the program *Fear Factor*, and what they eat is really disgusting!

Hint: Think of your stomach churning.

31) STRESSED

- a) Police officers live with a lot of stress everyday on the job.

Hint: Press the fist of your NDH hand down like you are applying pressure.

32) FLEXIBLE

- a) My dentist has a flexible appointment schedule.

Hint: Pretend to bend plastic back and forth.

33) PISSED-OFF

- a) Larry got pissed off when he saw the dent in his new car.

Hint: 'P' (on the nose) out in front to an 'F'

34) PRAISE

- a) Praise is a good way to train a dog.

Hint: Mime applause.

35) CRITICIZE, DEGRADE

- a) Patty's mother always criticized her son's athletic endeavors.

Hint: CANCEL++

36) COMPLAIN, COMPLAINT

- a) Stop complaining and help.
- b) She filed a complaint against her boss.

Hint: Tap 'C' on your chest, palm-in.

37) OBSESS

- a) Maura can't stop obsessing about her team's loss to their biggest rival.

Hint: THINK + 'S' hand with bent middle finger circle on top of NDH.

38) EXAGGERATE

- a) Ruth exaggerates all the time, so it's hard to believe her now.

Hint: Think of the truth being stretched out.

39) ISOLATION

- a) Hermits prefer to live in isolation from human interaction.

Hint: Hit 'I's' in front of body.

40) SUPPRESS

- a) When she told me a joke in class, I had to suppress my laughter.

Hint: Hold your feelings down inside.

41) EXPOSURE

- a) Patients with anxiety are taught to practice exposure to anxiety causing situations.

Hint: Flat '0' hand open to '5' hand on NDH index finger.

42) FED-UP

- a) Michael is completely fed up with this course's mismanagement.

Hint: FULL

43) FRUSTRATED

- a) In trying to fix the broken zipper with no success, Margaret became very frustrated.

Hint: Hit chin with alternating 'B's'

44) OFFENDED

- a) Men and women alike must be careful not to offend coworkers with inappropriate jokes.

Hint: Flick thumb off chest with open '5' hand

45) PATIENCE, ENDURE

- a) I can't endure painful memories.
- b) It takes a lot of patience to learn ASL.

Hint: Think of closing your mouth and not complaining.

46) TOSS AND TURN

- a) I couldn't sleep last night; I tossed and turned all night.

Hint: Think of a person tossing and turning in bed.

47) RESTLESS

- a) Amber was restless sitting at her desk for ten hours straight.

Hint: Think of a person unable to sit quietly.

48) EXPERT

- a) He is good at soccer.

- b) She is a skilled archer.

Hint: SKILL followed by 'F' sideways on chin.

49) ALONE, SINGLE

- a) Work alone at your desk.

- b) There are lots of dating web sites available for single people.

Hint: Index finger along the front of the body.

50) EMOTION

- a) Psychologists advise patients to get in touch with their emotions.

Hint: 'E's' alternate in circles towards chest.

51) EXPRESS

- a) Music and poetry is a way for many people to express their feelings.

Hint: Closed 'S' hands to open 'S'

52) CRAZY-FOR

- a) I am crazy for ice cream.

Hint: Claw 'S' handshape waves in front of your face.

53) FAVORITE

- a) My favorite afternoon activity is to take a nap with my cat.

Hint: F-A-V (lexical)

54) NO BIG DEAL

- a) It was no big deal that we were late to the movie as the previews were still playing.

Hint: Shake 'F's'

55) SMILE

- a) When Monique smiles, you can see both her dimples.

Hint: Bent, closed 'S' hands outline smile on face.

59) SKILL

- a) Sam has basketball skills that could help him play professionally.

Hint: DH pulls off side of NDH.

60) SUFFER

- a) I don't want to watch my grandma suffer through her illness.

Hint: 'A' twists down in front of mouth.