

CHARACTER AND PERSONALITY

ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

You won't find him in the corner at the party.
That's her doing the can-can on the table.
She has no problems.
He never frowns.
She tells no lies.
He has few secrets.
He'll tell you if he doesn't like your make-up.
She'll tell you if she doesn't like your after-shave.
He's the person to ask for that five pounds you are owed.

outgoing
extrovert
carefree
light-hearted
truthful
open
candid
frank
easy-going

TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 20)

He knows what he wants and he usually gets it.
She never gives up without a fight.
He knows he's good.
She knows she's as good.
She likes to be the boss, the one on top.
He wants to be ever bigger, even better – the best
and expects high standards of performance from others.
He works 18 hours a day, jogs, and plays squash.
She hates to lose, in business or at tiddlywinks.

strong-willed
determined
self-assured
self-confident
dominant
ambitious
demanding
energetic
competitive

GEMINI (May 21 – Jun 20)

She thinks she's good.
He thinks he's superior to everyone.
'As the most experienced and sensible person present, I...'
'Of course, I could have beaten him even more easily, but
I wanted to give him a chance.'
She won't share her presents with her sister.
He spends half the day in the front of mirror.
She thinks the whole world revolves around her.
He thinks he's the centre of the universe.
She looks down on anyone who hasn't got a heated indoor
swimming pool at home.

proud
arrogant
pompous

boastful
selfish
vain
self-centered
egocentric

snobbish

CANCER (Jun 21 – Jul 20)

She seems to enjoy finding fault with others.
He'll take off marks if you don't dot your i's.
She can only ever see one side of things.
He always likes the fat taken off his bacon.
He's like a donkey.
She's like a mule.
He loves money, loves having 'things'.
Oh yes, he'll help you – if you make it worth his while.
She never lets her husband out of her sight.

critical
petty
narrow-minded
fussy
stubborn
obstinate
materialistic
mercenary
possessive

LEO (Jul 21 – Aug 21)

You never know what he's going to do.
He never knows what he's going to do.
There are two things I don't like about her – her face!
Be careful what he's saying about you behind your back.
Be careful what she's going while your back is turned.

unpredictable
indecisive
two-faced
hypocritical
dishonest

He behaves like the weather in April.
She behaves like the proverbial primadonna.
He says what I want to hear, not what he thinks.
He never does all the things he says he'll do.

changeable
temperamental
insincere
unreliable

VIRGO (Aug 22 – Sep 22)

Other people's points of view always impress him.
She's believe you if you told her pizzas grew on trees.
She lacks will-power.
He lacks courage.
He doesn't do much – he just sits back and watches.
She'll do what she's told.
You never know what he's thinking.
'It was an honour just to be on the same court as McEnroe.
How I beat him 6-0. 6-0, 6-0? It was just luck.'

impressionable
gullible
weak-willed
cowardly
passive
obedient
secretive
humble
modest

LIBRA (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

He uses his common sense.
She never does silly things under pressure.
She's like the Libran symbol of the scales.
She'd solve all the problems on the desert island,
and nothing would upset her.
He'd be a good judge or referee.
She's got both feet on the ground and is really down-to-earth.
His heart rarely rules his heart.
I think, therefore I am. That's my approach.

sensible
level-headed
well-balanced
practical
calm
fair-minded
rational
realistic
logical

SCORPIO (Oct 23 – Nov 22)

Keep out of her way when she loses her temper.
He's always the first one to put his fists up,
and his quick to use them – to the full.
He may even add a boot or two for good measure.
She won't let anything stand in her way.
He has no principles about hurting other people.
He almost seems to enjoy causing trouble.
She's a strong believer in an eye for an eye,
and a tooth – or, in her case, teeth – for a tooth.

aggressive
violent
brutal
vicious
ruthless
unscrupulous
malicious
spiteful
vindictive

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 20)

Those with some Latin blood in their veins.
They are fiery and emotional.
She's not afraid to go mountain climbing,
or to join a mountain rescue team.
He wants to go to wild and unexplored places.
They're vivacious, like champagne bubbles.
She puts her heart and soul into her profession.
On the sinking ship, the dog never left its master's side.
There friends do not desert you in a crisis.

passionate
hot-blooded
brave
courageous
adventurous
lively
dedicated
devoted
loyal

CAPRICORN (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

He'd always stop to help a disabled person across the road.
That's her on the beach wiping oil off the sea-birds' feathers.
She wouldn't hurt a fly.
He leaves £10 tips.
He wouldn't mind if she dyed her hair green.

considerate
tender
gentle
generous
tolerant

She lets him sleep when he gets back from a hard day's work.
He defends her in any argument.
She kisses him on the cheek every minute or so.
She always sends a card on her parent's anniversary.

understanding
protective
affectionate
thoughtful

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

If she likes you, she'll fling her arms around you and say so.
He jumps into the bath without testing the water.
Lose your way with *her* in the car? You'd better not!
He's constantly like a child on Christmas Eve.
He's a typical 'angry young man'.
She's Trotsky, Castro and Guevara all rolled into one.
He's got a memory like a sieve.
He thought a double brandy would help the baby sleep.
If she gets an idea in her head, there's no stopping her.

impulsive
impetuous
impatient
excitable
rebellious
revolutionary
forgetful
irresponsible
uncontrollable

PISCES (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

There she is, over there, on her own in the corner.
He's afraid that the whole world is looking at him.
She peeps round her front door like a mouse.
He's always the last to introduce himself.
Be careful not to upset her. It's easily done.
He can see beauty in a pile of rubbish.
He can turn the pile of rubbish into a work of art.
I was moved to tears by the beauty of his sculpture.
He doesn't know who he is, where he is, what to do or why.

shy
self-conscious
timid
reserved
sensitive
imaginative
creative
emotional
unstable

Traits of character:

vanity, obstinacy, arrogance, shyness, hypocrisy, selfishness, snobbishness, meanness, pomposity, dishonesty, timidity, rashness, stubbornness, pettiness, possessiveness, aggressiveness

compassion, tolerance, sincerity, modesty, vivacity, imagination, sensitivity, frankness, generosity, passion, courage, self-assurance, ambition, humility, creativity

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