

## personality phrases

### 1 Complete each phrase with one of these words.

life neck	eccentric /ɪk'sentɪk/ control	ego /'i:ɡəʊ/ laugh	supportive articulate /ɑ:'tɪkjələt/
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- A She expresses herself very well.  
B Yes, she's very \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A Don't you think he's funny?  
B Yes, he's **a good** \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A She's a bit \_\_\_\_\_ .  
B Yes, she does have some strange ideas.
- A I think he's **a real pain in the** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
B I agree. A very annoying guy.
- A She's rather wild, isn't she?  
B Yeah, a bit **out of** \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A He's got a high opinion of himself.  
B Yes, he's got **a big** \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A Do you find her ambitious?  
B Well, she wants to **get on in** \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A She's always there to help.  
B Yes, she's very \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### test your partner

– He's got a very high opinion of himself.



– Yes, he's got a big ego.

– That's right.

- Look at each dialogue in exercise 1. Are the people's comments positive, negative, or neutral?
- Put the © symbol next to the more informal words/phrases.

## paraphrasing

Paraphrasing is an important communication strategy if you don't know the word/phrase you want, or the listener doesn't understand. It's also common to paraphrase other people's words to show you're listening and involved.

### 1 What word/phrase is being paraphrased?



She can be a bit, er, \_\_\_\_\_ ; she finds it difficult to talk to people she doesn't know well.



He's got a very good, er, you know \_\_\_\_\_ ; he can see the funny side of life and enjoys laughing at things.

- In A/B pairs, A turn to p.148 and B to p.150.