Feelings and Personality

How we feel today and what we are like every day, the opposites and prepositions, and the fine shades of connotation, from A1 to C2.

A1–C2 · English Vocabulary, Lesson 16

I'm nervous · easy-going · over the moon

Feelings *A1–A2*

happy	sad
angry	tired
bored	excited
scared	worried
nervous	surprised
hungry	thirsty
lonely	proud

I'm bored (how I feel) · it's boring (the thing)

Personality *A1–A2*

kind	friendly
funny	shy
lazy	hard-working
clever	silly
polite	rude
quiet	chatty
brave	calm

How do you feel? (today) · What's she like? (always)

Character and feelings *B1–B2*

Good: generous, honest, reliable, patient, thoughtful, outgoing, confident, easy-going

Not so good: mean, stubborn, moody, bossy, selfish

Opposites: unkind, unreliable · impatient, impolite · insensitive · dishonest · irresponsible

Prepositions: afraid of, proud of, ashamed of, jealous of, keen on, fed up with, anxious about

-ed / -ing: embarrassed / embarrassing, disappointed / disappointing, confused / confusing, annoyed / annoying

*She's **keen on** her course, but she's **fed up with** the rain and **anxious about** her first essay.*

sensitive = easily hurt · sensible = practical

Nuance and idiom *C1–C2*

Feelings: melancholy, wistful, elated, apprehensive, exasperated, indignant

Character: sanguine, conscientious, magnanimous, phlegmatic, choleric

Connotation (+ / –): tenacious / obstinate · frugal / stingy · confident / arrogant · firm / rigid

Idioms: over the moon, on cloud nine, down in the dumps, butterflies in your stomach, get cold feet, lose your temper, keep your cool

People: a heart of gold, wear your heart on your sleeve, a cold fish

*Her critics called her **obstinate**; her friends called her **tenacious**. She stayed **sanguine**.*

sanguine = hopeful, not bloodthirsty

Talking about feelings

- *How are you feeling today?*
- *I feel a bit nervous.*
- *I'm happy because it's Friday.*
- *What's your teacher like?*

Common mistakes

- ~~I have hungry.~~ → I'm **hungry**.
- ~~The film was bored.~~ → The film was **boring**.
- *embarrassed* = ashamed, uncomfortable (not pregnant)
- ~~He's very educated~~ (always says please) → He's very **polite**.

Words with a past

- **anxious**: Latin *angere*, to choke
- **sad**: Old English *sæd*, full, weary
- **choleric**: Greek *kholē*, bile
- **elated**: Latin *elatus*, lifted up

My new words

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