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# 《小锐高级口语打卡课》课件

Lesson 1: Personality 性格

# 学习任务:

• Describe your personality.

#### 学习目标:

• Learn 30 advanced words and expressions in describing personality and character.

## 学习内容:

- Optimist vs Pessimist
- A- Type vs B- Type
- Introvert vs Extrovert

#### 1. Do you see the glass half empty or half full?

#### Optimists (乐观主义者):

Optimists generally believe that good things will happen. Like me, I'm easy-going, nothing fazes me, meaning nothing bothers me or disturbs me. We can also say that I'm even-keeled. This is a very good word, originated from boat sailing. When you have a level keel, you can ensure a smooth and stable sailing. So, it means I'm calm and even-tempered. I also have a high self-esteem, meaning I'm confident. I believe that I will live a free and abundant life.

- easy-going: relaxed and not easily upset or worried (脾气随和的, 温和的)
- nothing fazes me: to faze is to disrupt or disturb. Nothing bothers you (镇静自若, 遇事不惊)
- even-keeled: characterized by stability or consistency (情绪稳定的)
- have a high self-esteem: when one believes that he or she is a valuable and worthy individual (自尊心强)
- live a free and abundant life: abundant means more than enough (活得自由而充实)

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#### Pessimists (悲观主义者):

In contrast, pessimists tend to believe that the worst will happen. They can be **sarcastic**, like humorously criticizing something. This is because they usually have **low expectations** and they like to imagine **negative outcomes**. Some extreme pessimists are very **uptight**, meaning that something is very tight and twisted inside of them, or **high-strung**, meaning they are nervous or easily upset.

- Sarcastic: marked by or given to using irony in order to mock or convey contempt (讽刺的、挖苦的)
- Low expectations: not expecting much from something or someone (期待值很低)
- Negative outcomes: unpleasant, depressing, or harmful results (消极后果, 负面影响)
- Uptight: worried or nervous and not able to relax (紧张的,拘谨的)
- High-strung: very nervous and easily upset (紧张的、敏感的、易兴奋的)

#### 2. Is your bedroom generally tidy and organized or is it a bit messy?

# A- Type (A 型人格):

In English, the very clean and organized type of people are called an A-type. There is a place for everything in their room. They have it together. Here it means they have their whole life together. We can also say I'm a doer: I do things. I don't just think about them and wait around. I make actions and I get them done. Another advanced way of describing this type is that you have a mind like a steel trap. A steel trap is a very strong strap to catch animals. So, here it means you are able to understand things very quickly, and inquisitive with all the little details. On top of that, you have a very strong awareness of time management. It means that you have a strong sense of time urgency and control.

- Have it together: To be well-prepared and organized for something, especially mentally (把生活安排得井井有条; 使身心都得到平衡)
- A doer: a person who acts rather than merely talking or thinking (行为者,实干家)
- A mind like a steel trap: to be able to understand or grasp information quickly (头脑 灵活,敏捷)
- Inquisitive: having or showing an interest in learning things; curious (好奇的,好追根究底的)
- Strong awareness of time management 重视时间管理

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# B- Type (B 型人格):

Whereas the other end of the personality spectrum is called a B-type. They are more relaxed and laid-back. They can be a bit messy. Well, this is actually me. You can also say that I am a little scatter-brained. I'm also spontaneous. I like to do things without planning. Lastly, type B individuals are usually attracted to careers of creativity, like writers, artists and actors.

- laid-back: relaxed in manner and character; not usually worried (从容不迫的,不着 急的)
- messy: dirty, unpleasant, or lacking order (杂乱的)
- scatter-brained: often forgetting or losing things, or not thinking seriously about things (健忘的)
- spontaneous: happening or done in a natural, often sudden way, without any planning or without being forced (自发的、自然而然的)
- creative: producing or using original and unusual ideas (有创造力的)

# 3. Do you enjoy socializing with a group of new friends or do you rather be alone?

#### Introverted (内向的)

About one-third of the world are introverts. They are **reserved** and **inward turning**. They are more **introspective** and focus on internal thoughts. Their **solitary nature** means that they need time alone to recharge. They are oftentimes very well-read and **literate**. Our society encourages the Extrovert Ideal and undervalue the great qualities of introverts.

- reserved: slow to reveal emotion or opinions (矜持的,拘谨的)
- inward turning: tend to focus on inner thoughts and feelings (专注于内在情感的)
- introspective: examining own ideas, thoughts and feelings, instead of talking to others about them (内省的,自省的)
- solitary nature: living alone, characterized by the absence of companions (独居的特性、偏僻寂寞的本性)
- literate: able to read and write, educated (能写能读的,有学问的,有文化的)

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# Extroverted (外向的)

On the other hand, the outgoing type of people are called extroverts. Like me, I'm at ease in social situations. I would say I'm quite sociable and I like being the center of attention. This type of people can be quick-witted, meaning they are fun-loving and they like to make jokes. If you are with these type of people at a party, you are going to have a great time. They are effervescent and uplifting. I love this word: effervescent. It means vivacious and enthusiastic.

- at ease in social situations: feeling confident and relaxed in socializing (社交场合自 信放松)
- being the center of attention: someone whom everyone else notices or watches (成 为众人瞩目的对象)
- quick-witted: able to reply in a clever or funny way quickly and effectively (机智的, 机敏的)
- effervescent: active, positive, and full of energy (充满活力的,活泼的)
- uplifting: inspiring happiness, optimism, or hope (振奋人心的)

# 作业:

- Please use the words and expressions you learned today to describe yourself.
- 可以把你的回答录音频,把自己最满意的一遍传到群里打卡(保持2分钟以内)