

Describing a person

WRITING

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- a Read the two emails once and answer the questions.
- 1 Why has Stephanie written to Claudia?
 - 2 Does Claudia recommend her friend?
- b The computer has found five spelling mistakes in Claudia's email. Can you correct them?
- c Read Claudia's email again. Then cover it and answer the questions from memory.
- 1 Which ☒ adjectives describe Christelle's personality?
 - 2 What does she like doing in her free time?
 - 3 What negative things does Claudia say about Christelle?
- d Look at the **highlighted** expressions we use to modify adjectives. Put them in the right place in the chart.

Anna is very / untidy.

Useful language: describing a person

He's quite / very, etc. + adjective

(e.g. *friendly, extrovert*, etc.)

She's a bit + negative adjective (e.g. *untidy, shy*, etc.)

He likes / loves / doesn't mind + verb + -ing

He's good at + verb + -ing

Imagine you received Stephanie's email asking about a friend of yours.

WRITE an email to answer it.

PLAN what you're going to write using the paragraph summaries below. Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank p.146 Personality** to help you.

Paragraph 1 age, family, work / study

Paragraph 2 personality (good side)

Paragraph 3 hobbies and interests

Paragraph 4 any negative things?

CHECK the email for mistakes (**grammar** , **punctuation** , and **spelling**).

From: Stephanie
To: Claudia
Subject: Hi from Scotland

Dear Claudia,

I hope you're well.

I've just had an email from your friend Christelle. She wants to rent a room in my house this summer. Could you tell me a bit about her (age, personality, etc. and what she likes doing) so that I can see if she would fit in with the family? Please be honest!

Send my regards to your family and I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes

Stephanie

From: Claudia
To: Stephanie
Subject: Hi from Switzerland

Hi Stephanie,

Thanks for your email.

Of course I can tell you about Christelle. She's 21, and she's studying law with me.

I think she's **quite** extrovert and **very** sociable – she has lots of freinds. She's also very good with children. She has a young step-brother and several young cousins, and I know she likes playing with them. She's **incredibly** hard-working and responsible – she passed all her exams last year, which is more than I did!

She likes going out, seeing films, and listening to music, but not rock or heavy metal – so don't worry about noise! And she's happy to do things on her own – she's very independent, so you won't really have to look after her. Her parents are divorced and she lives with her mother and stepfather, but she also sees her father regularly.

The only negative things I can think of are that she's **a bit** untidy – her room is usually in a mess – and that her English is, well, not brilliant. But I'm sure she'll learn fast! I think she's **really** nice and that you and the family will get on well with her.

I hope that's useful. Let me know if you need any more information about her.

Love
Claudia

PS I attach a photo of the two of us.

