

abundant



adamant



adept



adverse



affable



agile



ambiguous



amiable



ample



arduous



Refusing to change one's mind;
resolute.

"She was adamant that she had done nothing wrong."

C1



Existing in large quantities;
plentiful.

"The region has abundant natural resources."

B2



Preventing success or
development; harmful.

"The project was delayed due to adverse weather conditions."

B2



Highly skilled or proficient
at something.

"He is adept at solving complex problems quickly."

B2



Able to move quickly and
easily; mentally sharp.

"An agile mind is essential in fast-changing industries."

B2



Friendly and easy to talk to.

"The affable host made everyone feel welcome."

C1



Having a pleasant and friendly
manner.

"Her amiable personality made her popular at work."

C1



Open to more than one
interpretation; unclear.

"His ambiguous answer left everyone confused."

B2



Involving great effort;
difficult and tiring.

"The arduous hike took three days to complete."

C1



Enough or more than enough;
plentiful.

"There is ample time to finish the report before Friday."

B2



astute



audacious



austere



benevolent



blunt



boisterous



brief



brittle



candid



cautious



Showing a willingness to take bold risks.

"The audacious plan surprised even the most experienced team members."

C1



Clever and quick to understand a situation.

"The astute investor saw the opportunity before anyone else."

C1



Well-meaning and kindly; generous.

"The benevolent donor funded the entire scholarship programme."

C1



Severe or strict in manner; simple and plain.

"The austere office reflected the company's no-nonsense culture."

C1



Noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

"The boisterous crowd cheered throughout the match."

C1



Uncompromisingly direct in speech; not sharp.

"His blunt feedback was hard to hear but useful."

B1



Hard but liable to break easily; fragile.

"Glass is brittle and must be handled with care."

B2



Short in duration or length.

"The manager gave a brief summary of the quarterly results."

A2



Careful to avoid potential problems or danger.

"Be cautious when sharing personal information online."

B1



Truthful and straightforward; frank.

"I appreciate your candid opinion on my presentation."

B2



coherent



compassionate



complacent



concise



condescending



confident



conscientious



contentious



courteous



covert



Feeling or showing concern for others' suffering.

"A compassionate leader listens before making decisions."

B2



Logical and consistent; clearly expressed.

"His argument was coherent and easy to follow."

B2



Giving a lot of information clearly in few words.

"A concise email is always more effective than a long one."

B2



Showing uncritical satisfaction with oneself; smug.

"Don't become complacent just because sales are up this quarter."

C1



Feeling sure of oneself or one's abilities.

"She walked into the interview feeling confident and prepared."

A2



Acting superior towards others; patronising.

"His condescending tone alienated the junior staff."

C1



Causing or likely to cause disagreement.

"Immigration is a contentious topic in many countries."

C1



Careful and diligent; doing work thoroughly.

"Conscientious employees double-check their work before submitting."

C1



Not openly acknowledged; secret.

"The agency ran a covert operation for several months."

C1



Polite, respectful, and considerate.

"The courteous staff greeted every guest by name."

B2



creative



critical



cunning



curious



cynical



decisive



deliberate



diligent



discerning



discreet



Expressing disapproval; of decisive importance.

"The critical review highlighted several structural flaws."

B1



Using imagination to produce original ideas.

"The creative team came up with three innovative campaign concepts."

A2



Eager to know or learn something.

"Children are naturally curious about the world around them."

A2



Having skill in achieving goals by indirect means.

"The cunning negotiator always found a way to gain the upper hand."

B2



Having or showing the ability to make clear decisions quickly.

"A decisive leader does not hesitate in a crisis."

B2



Believing people are motivated only by self-interest.

"Years of disappointment had made him deeply cynical."

B2



Having or showing care and effort in one's work.

"Diligent revision is the key to exam success."

B2



Done consciously and intentionally; careful.

"Every word in the contract was the result of deliberate negotiation."

B2



Careful not to attract attention or cause embarrassment.

"Please be discreet about what was discussed in the meeting."

B2



Having good judgement; showing careful insight.

"A discerning reader notices subtleties others miss."

C1



dominant



earnest



eccentric



efficient



elusive



eminent



empathetic



erratic



ethical



exuberant



Showing sincere and intense conviction.

"Her earnest apology was accepted without question."

B2



Having power and influence over others; most important.

"English is the dominant language in international business."

B2



Achieving maximum productivity with minimum waste.

"An efficient workflow saves both time and money."

B1



Unconventional and slightly strange in behaviour.

"The eccentric professor arrived wearing mismatched shoes."

B2



Famous and respected within a particular field.

"An eminent scientist was invited to address the conference."

C1



Difficult to find, catch, or achieve.

"Success in this industry can be elusive without the right connections."

C1



Not regular or consistent; unpredictable.

"His erratic behaviour made it hard to work with him."

C1



Showing the ability to understand and share another's feelings.

"An empathetic manager creates a more motivated team."

B2



Filled with lively energy and excitement.

"The exuberant crowd celebrated long into the night."

C1



Relating to moral principles; morally correct.

"Ethical sourcing is increasingly important to consumers."

B2



flexible



fragile



frugal



generous



genuine



gracious



humble



impartial



impulsive



industrious



Easily broken or damaged;
delicate.

"Handle the fragile glassware with care."

B1



Able to change or be changed
easily to suit new conditions.

"A flexible schedule helps employees balance work and life."

B1



Willing to give more than is
expected; large in amount.

"He was generous with his time, always helping colleagues."

A2



Sparing or economical with
money or food.

"Her frugal lifestyle allowed her to save half her salary."

B2



Courteous, kind, and pleasant
in manner.

"The gracious host ensured every guest felt welcome."

C1



Truly what it is said to be;
authentic.

"Her genuine interest in the topic impressed the interviewer."

B2



Treating all rivals or
disputants equally; unbiased.

"A good referee must be completely impartial."

C1



Not proud or arrogant; modest.

"Despite his success, he remained humble and approachable."

B1



Diligent and hard-working.

"Industrious students often outperform those who rely on talent alone."

C1



Acting without thinking;
driven by sudden urges.

"Her impulsive decision to quit led to months of uncertainty."

B2



innovative



inquisitive



insightful



intrepid



intuitive



jovial



keen



lenient



logical



loyal



Curious; eager to know or learn.

"An inquisitive mind is an asset in scientific research."

C1



Introducing new ideas or methods; creative.

"The innovative design won three international awards."

B2



Fearless; adventurous.

"The intrepid explorer crossed the desert on foot."

C1



Having a deep understanding of a person or situation.

"Her insightful comments added real depth to the discussion."

C1



Cheerful and friendly.

"His jovial manner made even difficult meetings enjoyable."

C1



Based on what one feels to be true; instinctive.

"An intuitive interface reduces the learning curve for new users."

C1



More tolerant or less strict than expected.

"The lenient policy allowed students one extension per semester."

B2



Enthusiastic; having a sharp mind.

"She is keen to learn new languages."

B1



Giving firm and constant support; faithful.

"Loyal customers are more valuable than one-time buyers."

B1



Based on clear reasoning; rational.

"A logical argument is structured and evidence-based."

B1



meticulous



modest



naive



nimble



objective



optimistic



patient



perceptive



persistent



pessimistic



Unassuming; not boastful about one's abilities.

"Despite winning the prize, she remained modest about her achievement."

B2



Showing great attention to detail; very careful.

"Meticulous proofreading caught every error before publication."

C1



Quick and light in movement or thought.

"A nimble response to market changes kept the company ahead."

C1



Lacking experience or judgement; too trusting.

"It was naive to assume the contract would be honoured without review."

B2



Expecting the best possible outcome.

"She remained optimistic despite the setbacks."

B1



Not influenced by personal feelings; impartial.

"Try to give an objective assessment of the situation."

B2



Having a good understanding of things; insightful.

"His perceptive analysis of the data identified the core problem."

C1



Able to wait calmly; not easily annoyed.

"Good teachers are patient with students who struggle."

A2



Tending to see the worst aspect of things.

"A pessimistic forecast can discourage investors unnecessarily."

B2



Continuing firmly despite difficulty or opposition.

"Persistent effort over months finally paid off."

B2



polite



pragmatic



precise



productive



profound



prudent



rational



reliable



resilient



resourceful



Dealing with things in a practical and sensible way.

"A pragmatic approach focuses on what works, not what is ideal."

B2



Having good manners; respectful to others.

"A polite email increases the chance of a positive response."

A2



Achieving or producing a significant result.

"A productive meeting ends with clear action points."

B1



Marked by exactness and accuracy.

"The engineer gave a precise measurement to three decimal places."

B2



Acting with care and thought for the future.

"A prudent investor diversifies across asset classes."

C1



Very great or intense; requiring deep thought.

"The speech had a profound impact on the audience."

C1



Consistently good in quality or performance; trustworthy.

"A reliable colleague always meets their deadlines."

B1



Based on logic or reason rather than emotion.

"A rational decision considers all available evidence."

B2



Able to find quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties.

"A resourceful traveller finds a solution even without a map."

B2



Able to recover quickly from difficult conditions.

"Resilient businesses adapt faster during economic downturns."

B2



sincere



sophisticated



spontaneous



stubborn



subtle



tactful



tenacious



thoughtful



versatile



zealous



Having refined taste and knowledge; complex.

"The sophisticated software handles thousands of requests per second."

B2



Free from pretence; genuine.

"A sincere apology acknowledges the impact of one's actions."

B2



Refusing to change one's mind despite reason.

"His stubborn refusal to compromise delayed the project by weeks."

B1



Done without planning; natural and unconstrained.

"The spontaneous trip to the coast turned into their best holiday."

B2



Having the ability to deal with sensitive issues without offence.

"A tactful manager delivers criticism without damaging morale."

B2



So delicate or precise as to be difficult to detect.

"There was a subtle difference in tone between the two versions."

B2



Absorbed in thought; showing consideration for others.

"A thoughtful gift shows you truly know the person."

B1



Holding firmly to a purpose; persistent.

"Her tenacious pursuit of the story led to a major exposé."

C1



Having great energy or enthusiasm for a cause.

"The zealous volunteer worked twelve-hour days for the campaign."

C1



Able to adapt to many different functions or situations.

"A versatile employee adds value across multiple departments."

B2

