

Lesson 2

personality, part two

TODAY'S WORDS

erratic, to change without warning

generous, to think of others more than yourself

cruel / malicious, the opposite of kind; to enjoy others' misfortune

compassionate, to care about others' feelings

passionate, to care very deeply about things or people

common word forms

noun (thing)	adjective	adverb
	erratic	erratically
generosity	generous	generously
cruelty	cruel	cruelly
malice	malicious	maliciously
compassion	compassionate	compassionately
passion	passionate	passionately

fill in the blank *Fill in the blanks below with a word from the list above. Be sure to use the correct form of the word.*

1. The _____ little boy enjoyed pulling the wings off of flies.
2. "My friend is very _____. Any time she sees a cat or squirrel that looks hungry, she feeds it. She doesn't want to see any animal suffer.
3. My teacher isn't very _____ about her job. She just sits there and says "Study silently and don't bother me. I may take a nap a little later and I don't want anyone to wake me up."
4. For Christmas, I always give my sisters lots of money. I'm the only _____ member of my family, however. They never give me anything at all!

5. The driver was driving very _____ after drinking three glasses of whiskey. He changed lanes every five seconds and would drive slowly, then speed up.

quick check

1. What might a **generous** person say?
 - "I'm hungry"
 - "I love you"
 - "Have some money!"
 - "Take me to dinner"

2. What might a **passionate** person say?
 - "I love my job!"
 - "I hate to study"
 - "I need to save money"
 - "I'm a little sad"

3. What might a **compassionate** person do?
 - study all night
 - eat 10 pizzas
 - visit a sick friend
 - go shopping

4. What would an **erratic** person do?
 - buy lots of shoes
 - hug you one minute and yell at you the next
 - give away all her furniture
 - take a homeless cat into her house

5. What would a **malicious** or **cruel** person do?
 - give money to charity

- *laugh at someone who fell down*
- *watch TV all day long*
- *donate money to the American Red Cross*

reading

Tom: Hi, Suzy! We're all going downtown to help out at a soup kitchen.

Suzy: A soup kitchen? What's that?

Tom: You've never heard of a soup kitchen? It's a place where homeless people can get free food.

Suzy: The homeless? Who cares about them? If they're hungry, they should get a job!

Tom: Suzy! I'm *surprised* at you! I never knew you were so **cruel**!

Suzy: I'm not **cruel**! I'm just indifferent. Their behavior is so **erratic**! When they think you're going to give them money, they are very nice, but if you don't, they yell at you or say bad words. Besides, I work very hard for my money and I can't afford to buy food for strangers.

Tom: But Suzy, we don't actually buy the food that we give them. You don't have to be **generous** with *money*—only with your *time*.

Suzy: You mean, we don't have to buy the soup?

Tom: No! They just need people to volunteer to work at the soup kitchen for a few hours. It won't cost you anything! Not only that, you will enjoy being around all the **passionate** people who like to help the poor. It makes them feel good that they can do things to make the world a better place.

Suzy: I guess I've been too greedy with my time. I never seem to have enough of it to go around.

Tom: Yes, I can understand that.....but think how lucky we are to be able to help the people who need it.

Suzy: You're right, Tom. Of course I'll help...and who knows? Maybe one day I'll be one of the people who needs help. I'd be very happy knowing that there are **compassionate** people like you in the world!

Reading comprehension

1. What does a soup kitchen sell?

- soup
- vegetables
- beer
- nothing

2. Why did Tom think Suzy was cruel?

- she wouldn't go out with him on a date
- she worked at a soup kitchen
- because of her attitude toward homeless people
- she wanted to help Tom

3. What do we know of Tom and Suzy's relationship?

- they are married to each other
- they are married, but to other people
- Suzy is married; we don't know about Tom
- We don't really know; we just assume they are friends

4. What are Tom's friends passionate about?

- Tom
- Suzy
- soup
- helping others

questions for writing and discussion

generous When have you been generous, and to whom? What did you do?..... or when was someone very generous with you?

compassionate What kinds of jobs do compassionate people often do?

passionate What, if anything, are you very passionate about? What's the best and worst thing about being passionate?

cruel / malicious What examples of cruelty or malice have you heard of, or been a victim of? Why do you think people become cruel? If someone is cruel, does he or she become more or less cruel with age?

erratic What makes some people behave so erratically? What would you do if you saw someone driving erratically?

finish that sentence

1. **Cruel** people should not have pets. Once, a very **malicious** cat owner _____
(past tense verb)
_____!

2. You should never have a job such as a _____, a _____ or a _____ unless you are a very **passionate** person. If you are not **passionate**, you should be a _____ or a _____ because those jobs don't require a lot of **passion**.

3. If you act **Erratically**, you may _____
(base verb)
one moment, then _____ the next!

4. Even if you are not an animal lover, most people will show **compassion** toward injured _____, _____ or _____, but even
(animal, plural form)

really **compassionate** people may have difficulty being compassionate toward a _____ or a _____!

5. If you are **generous**, one thing you could do is _____
(base verb)

_____ ; and, if you are feeling especially **generous** some day,

you could even _____.

Spelling corner "E before I"

Here are some common exceptions to the "i before e except after c" rule. Spell these words with "E before I":

NEIGHBOR
FOREIGN

WEIGH
HEIGHT

WEIRD
HEIR

BEIGE

Word Structure negative prefixes: im- and il-

There are many prefixes that mean "not" or "the opposite." Two of these are im- and il- as in these examples:

impossible (not possible)

impatient (can't wait for things)

illegal (against the law)

impolite (rude, not polite)

illogical (does not make sense)

illegible (cannot read)

