

## Animals and personality

*Class:* Middle school/high school

*Level:* intermediate

*Time:* 45 minutes

*Aims:* revision of adjectives describing personality, listening comprehension,

*Language items to be taught:* personality adjectives, animal idioms, expression as...as...

*CLIL:* biology

*Materials:* included photocopies, access to the internet or personal computer, speakers

STAGE	AIMS	PROCEDURE	CLASSROOM LANGUAGE	TIME	MATERIALS
Introduction	To start the lesson	Check the register /check homework		1-6 min	
Warm – up activity	To provide students with introduction to the topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• divide students into two groups and play “Animal Alphabet” game – the groups take turns to name the animals starting with a different name of the alphabet, if one group don’t know the answer the other group can score extra point</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• anticipated problems : quail, newt, yak, vulture</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://a-z-animals.com/animals/">http://a-z-animals.com/animals/</a></p>	5-7 min	
Vocabulary work	To introduce the topic : personality adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ask the student to think and write down personality adjectives they know in two groups: positive and negative</li> <li>• ask the students to go online and do a personality quiz “ What your animal personality?”</li> <li>•ask your students to write down any adjectives describing personality and add them to the positive/negative list</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://quizilla.teennick.com/quizzes/101145/what-is-your-animal-personality">http://quizilla.teennick.com/quizzes/101145/what-is-your-animal-personality</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you agree with the quiz result? Why? Why not?</li> </ul>	7 min 7 min 5 min	blackboard  <a href="http://quizilla.teennick.com/quizzes/101145/what-is-your-animal-personality">http://quizilla.teennick.com/quizzes/101145/what-is-your-animal-personality</a>
Group work/ listening comprehension	To get the student link animals and personality traits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ask the students which animals are often considered to be loyal, cunning, brave, intelligent, hard working, independent etc</li> <li>• distribute worksheet 1 and ask the students to listen to the song and complete the lyrics with adjectives/ animal names</li> <li>• ask the students to access the website, study the examples</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.funtrivia.com/en/Humanities/Animals-in-Idiom-18097.html">http://www.funtrivia.com/en/Humanities/Animals-in-Idiom-18097.html</a></p>	3 min  10 min  7 min	Worksheet 1  Mp3 of the song or :  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwqcfXi6D8U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwqcfXi6D8U</a>

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Wrap-up	To revise the idioms and personality adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• write on the board <i>as...as a</i> ... and play guess the animal/adjective with the group</li></ul>	as poor as a church mouse, as quiet as a mouse, as fat as a pig, as gentle as a lamb, as blind as a bat, as hungry as a bear, as sick as a dog, as sly as a fox, as strong as a horse/ox, as stubborn as a mule	3 min	
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### Sources:

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