

14 idioms para describir cómo es la gente

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LA REGLA

Describir a alguien con un idiom dice más que con un adjetivo, pero también compromete más: la mitad de estos catorce son elogios y la otra mitad son críticas, y hay que saber cuál es cuál antes de soltarlos.

¡Ojo! — el fallo típico. Usar un idiom crítico creyendo que es un elogio. «She's full of herself» no significa que esté llena de energía: significa que se cree muy superior.

1 Une cada idiom con lo que significa.

completely harmless and gentle · practical and realistic, not arrogant · relaxed, never worried about small things · very kind and generous

down to earth	
easy-going	
a heart of gold	
wouldn't hurt a fly	

2

She earns a lot but she's very: she still takes the bus and cooks at home.

- ☐ down to earth ☐ down of earth
☐ down to the earth ☐ on the earth

3

My flatmate is very-going: nothing ever annoys him.

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He gives money to anyone who needs it. He has a heart of

- ☐ gold ☐ silver ☐ sugar ☐ the gold

5 Une cada idiom con lo que significa.

fun to spend time with · not easily hurt by criticism · someone who enjoys and is good with people · the one who makes everyone else have fun

a people person	
the life and soul of the party	
a good laugh	
thick-skinned	

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You should work in sales — you're a real person.

- ☐ people ☐ peoples ☐ person's ☐ human

7

Marco is the life and of the party: he had everyone dancing.

8 ¿Este idiom es un elogio o una crítica? Reparte antes de usarlo con alguien delante.

a control freak · a good laugh · a heart of gold · a know-it-all · a people person · down to earth · full of himself · two-faced

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Recorta o dobla esta página antes de dar la ficha.

- 1 down to earth → practical and realistic, not arrogant · easy-going → relaxed, never worried about small things · a heart of gold → very kind and generous · wouldn't hurt a fly → completely harmless and gentle
- 2 She earns a lot but she's very down to earth: she still takes the bus and cooks at home.
- 3 My flatmate is very easy-going: nothing ever annoys him.
- 4 He gives money to anyone who needs it. He has a heart of gold.
- 5 a people person → someone who enjoys and is good with people · the life and soul of the party → the one who makes everyone else have fun · a good laugh → fun to spend time with · thick-skinned → not easily hurt by criticism
- 6 You should work in sales — you're a real people person.
- 7 Marco is the life and soul of the party: he had everyone dancing.
- 8 compliment: down to earth, a heart of gold, a people person, a good laugh · criticism: full of himself, a know-it-all, two-faced, a control freak