

# Negative adjectives to describe people

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In your day to day life, you meet thousands of people, known and unknown. You might meet them while travelling, at a friend's party or in your office. When it comes to workplace, we work with many people including our team, managers, bosses, etc. and it is natural to like some and hate some.



At times you may get vocal and discuss about what you don't like in a specific individual. Adjectives play an important role in describing any person or event. While we all are aware of the common adjectives of appreciation, not many of us know the adjectives to describe things that we dislike and also not come across as offenders.

So let's learn some more sophisticated negative adjectives to describe people.

## 5 Adjectives You Must Learn

### 1. Boorish

Meaning - Ill-mannered and coarse and contemptible in behavior or appearance

A boorish person is good-for-nothing. They are rude, uncultured and disgusting. They have no manners.

**Example:** Seema thinks her colleague is boorish when asked about work.

### 2. Cantankerous

Meaning - Stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate

Cantankerous people are stubborn, irritating and rude. They decline to go with the flow.

desire by hook or crook. They don't mind hurting other people's feelings as long as they are getting what they desire.

**Example:** Sahana became Machiavellian when she thought she would not get the chocolates.

## 5. Slothful

Meaning - Disinclined to work or exertion

Often this type of a person is considered to be lazy. The term slothful comes from the animal, the sloth. As they are known to sleep for hours without any movement and if at all they move their movement is very slow.

**Example:** Mohan is very slothful in writing.

The above adjectives can help you describe the negative traits of people around you. You can join a [spoken English course](#) and learn more about describing things and situations better. How well you speak and communicate in an office environment will determine your progress in the professional world. All the best!

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