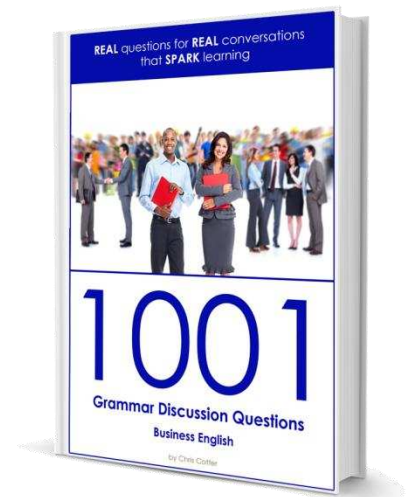
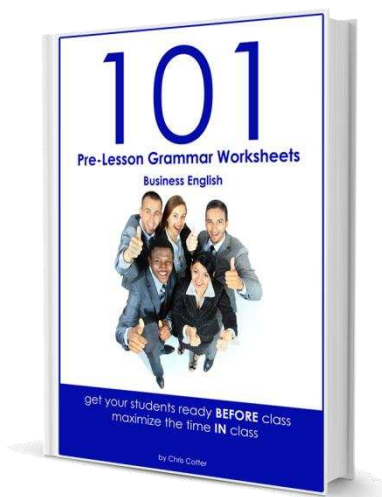
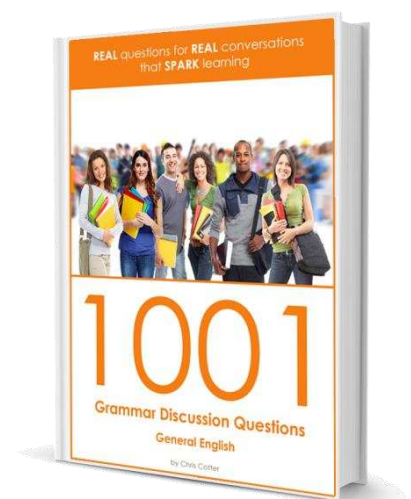
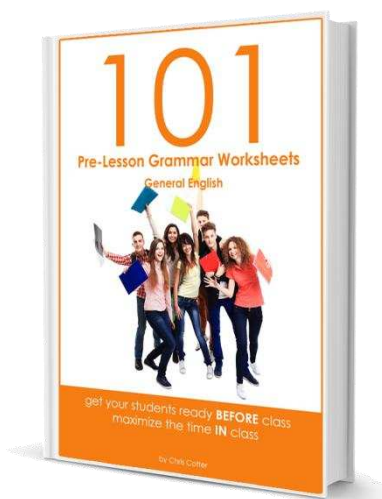
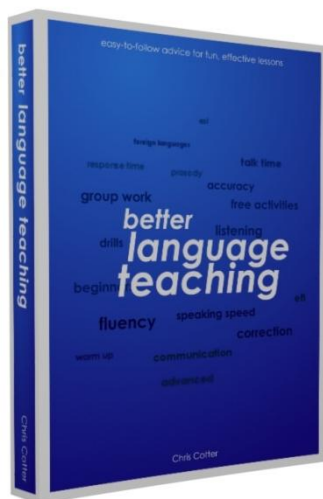


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## the ARTICLE (for teachers)

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**Teacher's Notes:**

\* Underlined words in **red typeface** are the recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

## WARM-UPS

Select one or all of the following warm-up activities.

**1: Define:** What does "personality" mean? Can you use it in a sentence? Can you give examples?

**2: Brainstorm:** Brainstorm with a partner words and ideas for "personality" for two minutes. Next, talk about the words and ideas for five minutes.

**3: Title:** Today's article is: "What's Your Blood Type?." What will you read about?

**4: Do you agree or disagree? Why?**

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| a. | Your birth year has an effect on your personality.                                   |
| b. | Your birth month has an effect on your personality.                                  |
| c. | Your blood type has an effect on your personality.                                   |
| d. | Horoscopes should be followed closely because they offer good advice.                |
| e. | There are some colors, numbers, and animals that are luckier than other colors, etc. |

## VOCABULARY

Select one of the following vocabulary acquisition activities.

**1: Vocabulary match:** Individually or in pairs/groups, match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B.

a.	<b>influence</b>	u.	well matched
b.	<b>compatible</b>	v.	emotional
c.	<b>vain</b>	w.	silly
d.	<b>moody</b>	x.	affect
e.	<b>ridiculous</b>	y.	treat differently
f.	<b>discriminate</b>	z.	self-loving

**2: Fill in the Blanks:** Fill in the blank with the correct word.

	<b>compatibility</b>	<b>vain</b>	<b>influences</b>
	<b>moody</b>	<b>discrimination</b>	<b>ridiculous</b>
a.	There's a popular idea that a person's blood ( ) his personality.		
b.	A person's blood also affects romantic ( ).		
c.	Type O can be ( ) and rude.		
d.	As for people who are type AB, they are ( ) and arty.		
e.	Of course, the scientific community thinks the idea is ( ).		
f.	In fact, there even is some ( ), which is called "bura-hara."		

**3: Define:** Look in your dictionary for each word. Write the definition, correctly pronounce the word, and give an example sentence to the class.

a.	<b>influence:</b>
b.	<b>compatible:</b>
c.	<b>vain:</b>
d.	<b>moody:</b>
e.	<b>ridiculous:</b>
f.	<b>discriminate:</b>

**These activities are optional. They reinforce vocabulary and increase reading speed.**

compatibility	vain	influences
moody	discrimination	ridiculous
	Y A F N G Q S Y L F C V U D N	
	C H M J D O G X J U I P T O I	
	D O C O M P A T I B I L I T Y	
	I W M V S X R Y I N Z T A V Z	
	S A W P K U E X F U A Q N T T	
	C F O M A D O L E N L K N I E	
	R T Z Y O T U L I W S L Y B U	
	I K P M N E A M U A W U L Y J	
	M V A I N E I B I C R F A D X	
	N U L C V R C S I O I H N O B	
	A X E I C L P N Y L N D Y O X	
	T S S S V N D I B S I K I M M	
	I C I H M U W I S F D T W R F	
	O D S E C N U E L F N I Y T Z	
	N I A Z G V C M E Z U W R W K	

compatibility moody	vain discrimination	influences ridiculous
	influence	ridiculousness
discriminated	incomparable	discriminate
moodily	vanity	moody
vane	ridicule	compatible
compatibility	influenced	influences
moodiness	ridiculously	comparability
vanities	moods	indiscriminate
discriminates	flatulence	ridiculous
		ludicrous
		vainly
		mode
		discrimination
		incompatibility
		influential

## pre - or post- COMPREHENSION

Select one or more activity to direct students before the article is read, or to check understanding after the article is read.

**1: Brainstorm Questions:** Brainstorm questions that you would like to ask about today's topic. Answer a partner the questions. He shouldn't look at the article when he answers.

**2: True or False?:** Guess (before the article) or answer (after the article) if the sentence is true or false. If false, correct the sentence.

a.	Many people in Japan believe blood type affects personality.	T/F
b.	According to the article, type A people aren't creative. They are moody too.	T/F
c.	According to the article, type O people are curious and generous.	T/F
d.	The scientific community in Japan agrees with blood types and personality.	T/F
e.	Categorizing personalities based on blood is a form of discrimination.	T/F

**3: Questions:** Answer the questions to check comprehension.

a.	What does blood type often refer to in Japan?
b.	What does the article say about the bestselling books in 2008?
c.	How does the article describe people with type AB blood?
d.	What do some matchmaking services do?
e.	What do some companies do?

**4: Fragments:** Remember how the fragments were used, and complete the sentence.

a.	There's a popular idea that a person's blood influences...
b.	Matchmaking services think about blood types when...
c.	Women's magazines have a lot of information on blood type and the...
d.	In fact, there even is some discrimination, which...

## post-COMPREHENSION

Select one or more activity to discuss the contents of the article.

**1: Vocabulary:** Circle any other unknown words/phrases in the article. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand these words. Write an example sentence for each one.

**2: Class Questions:** Read through the article once more, and write down any questions that you would like to talk about in pairs/groups or as a class. Answer the questions.

**3: Summarize:** Work with a partner to summarize the article in your own words.

**4: Discuss:** Talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Remember to support your answers and ask more questions with your partner.

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|----|--|
| a. | Did you like this article? Why/not?  |
| b. | What do you think about blood types? Do they really affect personality?          |
| c. | What do you think about signs? Do they really affect personality?                |
| d. | Do you think some signs or blood types are more compatible in relationships?     |
| e. | If a horoscope predicted love, money, or problems, would you look for love, etc? |
| f. | How would you feel if you were discriminated against because of your blood type? |

**5: Discuss:** What's your blood type? Write down your characteristics, and include both pluses and minuses. Then compare it to the information listed in the article. If you know your blood type, does it match the description? Why/not? If you don't know your blood type, which do you think you are?

Positives	Negatives

**6: Google Search:** Type "blood type" into Google news and read additional articles on this topic. Discuss or write an essay about your findings.

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**Notes:**



## STUDENT HANDOUT (fill in the blank)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

discrimination	vain	compatibility	harassment	community
influences	similar	ridiculous	personality	moody

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## STUDENT HANDOUT (extended listening)

Listen and fill in the missing sentences. Compare your answers with a partner, and then listen once more.

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Sentence #1:

Sentence #2:

Sentence #3:

## ANSWER KEY

### Vocabulary

#### 1: Vocabulary Match:

a.	x
b.	u
c.	z
d.	v
e.	w
f.	y

#### 2: Fill in the Blanks:

a.	influences
b.	compatibility
c.	vain
d.	moody
e.	ridiculous
f.	discrimination

### pre- or post-Comprehension

#### 1. True or False:

a.	T
b.	F
c.	T
d.	F
e.	T

#### 2. Fragments:

a.	his personality, character, or romantic compatibility.
b.	they introduce men and women, for example.
c.	connection to romance, advice, and predictions for the future.
d.	is called "bura-hara."

### Student Handout

#### 1: Fill in the Blanks:

a.	influences	f.	moody
b.	compatibility	g.	community
c.	similar	h.	ridiculous
d.	personality	i.	discrimination
e.	vain	j.	harassment

#### 2: Extended Listening:

a.	it's so popular that four of the top ten bestselling books in 2008 focused on blood type and personality
b.	the scientific community thinks the idea is ridiculous
c.	Some companies even ask interviewees about their blood type