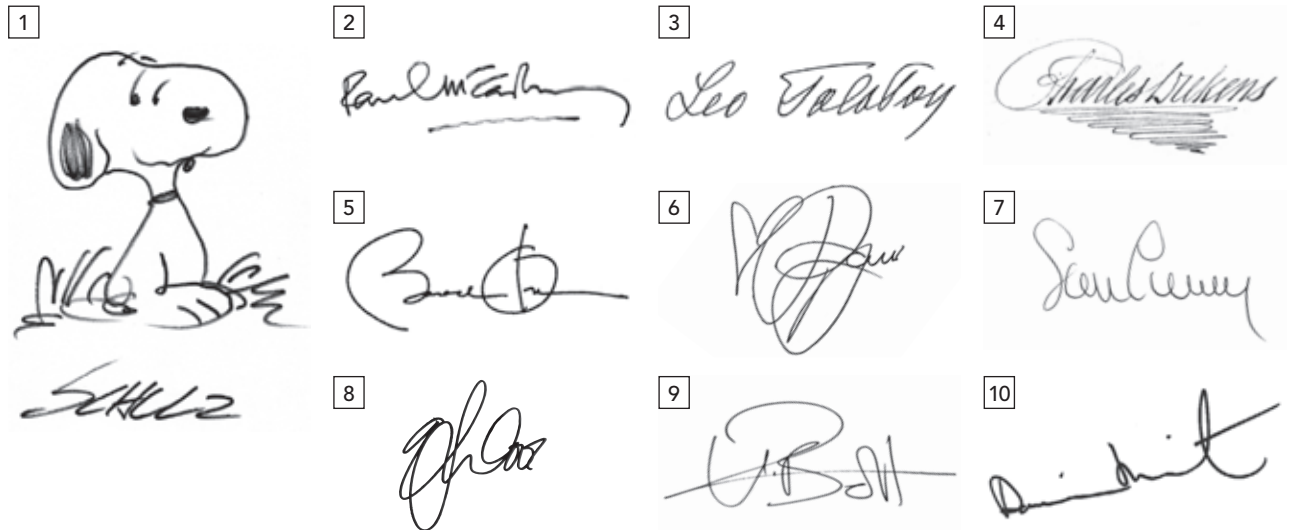


## 1B COMMUNICATIVE What's in a signature?

- a** On a piece of paper, write *Yours sincerely* and your signature underneath.
- b** Look at the signatures of some famous people. Match the names to the signatures. Do you know anything about these people's personalities?

Leo Tolstoy ☐ Barack Obama ☐ Paris Hilton ☐ Usain Bolt ☐ Charles Schultz ☐  
 Charles Dickens ☐ Elijah Wood ☐ Damien Hirst ☐ Paul McCartney ☐ Sean Connery ☐



- c** Read the information about interpreting someone's personality from their signature. With your partner, look at the signatures above again and interpret them.

**1**

### How you write your name

Your first name represents your private self, and your last name represents your public self. If you use only initials for your first name or surname, it means you are more secretive and protective about that part of your personality. Is there a space between the first name and surname? The bigger the space, the more you want to keep those two parts of your personality separate.

**2**

### Size

The part of the signature (first name or last name) that is bigger is the most important part of your personality. So, if it's the first name, for example, you care more about your private self. If both are big, you are very confident. Capital letters suggest that you are arrogant or big-headed. If you have very small writing, you may be insecure or have low self-esteem.

### What your signature says about you

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### Legibility

If the signature is easy to read, you have clear ideas and objectives, but if it's difficult to read, it may mean you're disorganized or indecisive and maybe also quite secretive. The more illegible the signature is, the less assertive you are.

**4**

### Angle

If the signature goes up, it means you work hard to overcome problems. You are determined, optimistic, and ambitious. If the signature goes down, it means that you get depressed when you have problems, and you aren't very self-confident. A horizontal signature, one that goes straight, means that you are well-balanced, emotionally stable, and generally satisfied with life.

- d** Now look at your partner's signature and try to interpret it. Do you both agree with the interpretation of your signatures?