

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text about an experiment. The idea of the experiment is to find a partner for a single person, asking their mother and their best friend for help.

Who knows you better –



your mother or your best friend?

In our weekly experiment, single people who are looking for a partner ask their mother and their best friend to help.

This week's single person is Charlotte Ramirez, a 25-year-old web designer. Her father is Argentinian and her mother is American. She lives in San Francisco, and she doesn't have a partner right now. Her mother, Alice, chooses a man she thinks is perfect for her daughter and her best friend, Katie, chooses another. Then Charlotte goes on a date with each man. Which one does she prefer?

“I love going to the movies, but I often **feel like** staying at home with a good book,” says Charlotte. “I’m very friendly and **sociable** and I **get along well** with most people. I think I have a good **sense of humor**.”

“What kind of men do I like? Well, I like interesting men who can make me laugh. Physically, I prefer men with a really nice **smile** who are taller than me. And I don’t usually like men with beards! I like men who **are into** literature and art, and classical music.”

“I’m not sure who is going to choose better for me. Both my mom and my best friend know me very well. Maybe Katie could find me a **guy** who is physically more **compatible**, but my mother has known me for longer!”

Answer these questions about the text:

1. Who is Charlotte?
2. Who are Alice and Katie?
3. What do Alice and Katie have to do?
4. What does Charlotte like doing?
5. What’s she like?
6. What kind of men does/doesn’t she like?
7. Who does she think is going to choose better? Why?

Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. Do you know their meaning? Guess their meanings from the context.

1. Feel like: _____
2. Sociable: _____
3. Get along well: _____
4. Sense of humor: _____
5. Smile: _____
6. Be into: _____
7. Guy: _____
8. Compatible: _____

We use the question ‘**What does he/she look like?**’ to ask for the physical description of a person.

We use the question ‘**What’s he/she like?**’ to ask for the personality of someone.

Vocabulary help:

Partner: pareja

Both: ambos

Known: conocido

Could: past of can

Longer: más tiempo

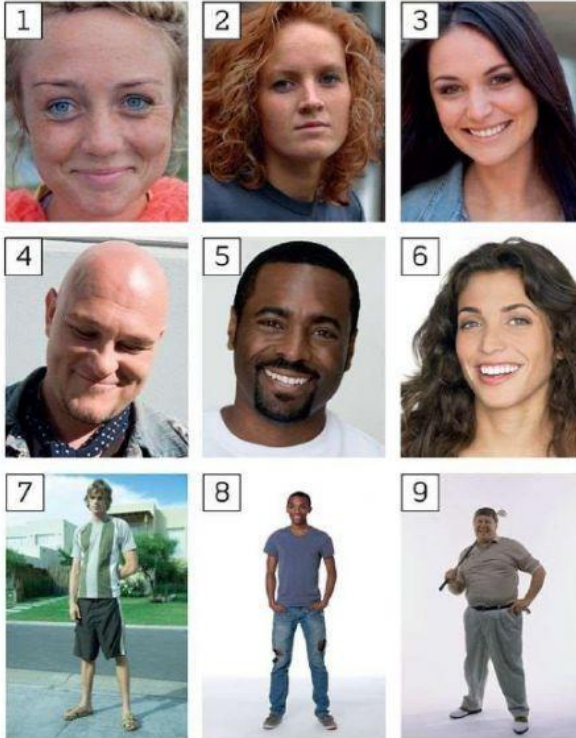
Be going to: future (is going to choose – va a elegir)

VOCABULARY

Now let's analyze vocabulary related to descriptions. We can describe people physically, and also their personality.

Physical appearance

Match the sentences and pictures.



What does he / she look like?

- ☐ She has curly red hair.
- ☐ She has long straight hair.
- ☒ She has big blue eyes.
- ☐ She has dark wavy hair.
- ☐ He has a beard and a mustache.
- ☐ He's bald.
- ☐ He's very tall and thin.
- ☐ He's short and a little overweight.
- ☐ He's medium height and slim.

Personality

Match the adjectives with the definitions.

Friendly – funny – generous – kind – lazy – shy – smart – talkative

	ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE
1. A person who is open and warm is	<u>friendly</u>	<u>unfriendly</u>
2. A person who talks a lot is	_____	_____
3. A person who likes giving people things is	_____	_____
4. A person who is friendly and good to other people is	_____	_____
5. A person who doesn't want to work is	_____	_____
6. A person who makes people laugh is	_____	_____
7. A person who is quick at learning and understanding things	_____	_____
8. A person who can't talk easily to people he/she doesn't know is	_____	_____

Complete the Opposite column with adjectives from the list. Listen and check.

Cheap – extrovert – hardworking – quiet – serious – stupid – unfriendly – unkind

Which adjectives do you consider negative or rude?
