

Writing practice - unit 1B

Adjectives for Appearance: Positive

- Gorgeous
- Beautiful
- Pretty
- Handsome
- Attractive
- Nice
- Stunning
- Good-looking
- Cute

Adjectives for Appearance: Neutral and Negative

- Muscular
- Strong
- Weak
- Slim
- Short
- Tall
- Fat
- Thin
- Lanky
- Overweight
- Obese
- Stout
- Stocky
- Big-boned
- Curvy
- Slender
- Petite
- Plain

Adjectives for Personality: Positive

- Affectionate
- Ambitious
- Witty
- Thoughtful
- Brave
- Bright
- Sensible
- Charming

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- Happy
- Sincere
- Sympathetic
- Open-minded
- Compassionate
- Courageous
- Friendly
- Generous
- Honest
- Proactive
- Polite
- Reliable

Adjectives for Personality: Neutral and Negative

- Quiet
- Aggressive
- Arrogant
- Bossy
- Cruel
- Close-minded
- Dishonest
- Greedy
- Rude
- Selfish
- Unhappy
- Untrustworthy
- Boring

How to describe a person: Physical appearance

Describing a face

The first thing you see when looking at another person is their face. There are many parts of it – eyes, nose, hair, eyebrows, cheeks, etc. And you can use countless adjectives to describe them all. Here is the list of words you can use to mention every part of someone's face:

Face: round, oval, square, triangle, long, freckled, rosy, puffy.

Eyes: hooded, round, almond-shaped, deep/close/wide set.

Eyebrows: shaggy, thin, plucked, arched, soft arch, high arch, thick.

Eyelashes: long, short, straight, curled, false.

Nose: humped, pointed, sharp, straight, snub, aquiline, turned up.

Cheeks: hollow, chubby.

Mouth: firm, big, full-lipped, small, lopsided, toothless.

Hair: blonde, brunette, dark, light, curly, straight, redhead, smooth, silky.

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Describing a body

Another important part of people's appearances are their bodies. Just like the face, it also has many parts that deserve dozens of adjectives. So, what words can you use to describe one's figure, stature, legs, arms, etc.? Here are some examples:

Stature: tall, short, skinny, chubby, thin, slim, plump, overweight, curvy, muscular, neat, lean, petite.

Shoulders: broad, delicate, sloping.

Legs: shapely, thick, feminine, scrawny, sinewy, athletic, long, sleek, crooked.

Arms: beefy, powerful, muscular, skinny.

How to describe people: Personality

Character: friendly, funny, gentle, generous, courageous, self-confident, shy, silly, sincere, dynamic, imaginative, efficient, talkative, amusing, bright, brave, thoughtful, emotional, supportive, warmhearted, wise, witty, pessimistic, unlucky, introverted, unreliable.

Feelings: happy, tired, exhausted, desperate, sad, upset, annoyed, mad, angry, furious, excited, bored, nervous, stressed, anxious, relaxed, well-rested, sleepy, serene.

Model 1: Describing a person (my friend)

Najib has been my intimate friend since we were in primary school. He's a **tall** and **slim** young man with **pale skin** and **curly dark hair**. He has **brown small eyes** and an **oval shiny face**. He always wears **casual clothes**. Najib is very **funny**, and he always makes me laugh. Also, he is a very **generous and sensitive** person. However, sometimes he can be a little **tense**. Najib is very keen on playing football. During the weekends, he spends hours either training his football team or watching matches on TV. In addition to that, he enjoys singing and dancing, as well, and he is fond of listening to pop music. Everybody likes him for his sense of humour and modesty. **All in all, I'm happy to have such a good person as a friend; and I'm sure we'll always be intimate friends.**

Model 2: Describing a person

My best friend Lara is a quite special person. She is a twenty-year-old girl who studies Biology at the University of Fes. She is a slim and tall girl who has got black curly hair and brown eyes. She also has a round face on which the charming smile is usually drawn. Lara wears casual clothes like jeans and t-shirts. Lara loves playing all kinds of sports, such as basketball and tennis, and she is very good at them. Besides, Lara is a friendly, optimistic, and reliable person. **All these positive characteristics made people love Lara from the first time they meet her.**