

Vocabulary in context

Physical appearance

- 1 ☆ Find 14 adjectives to describe physical appearance in the word search.

G	E	D	N	O	L	B	J	G	K
S	O	C	S	T	R	O	N	G	H
V	T	R	U	Y	T	T	E	R	P
C	K	O	G	R	N	C	U	T	E
S	W	Q	C	E	L	I	Z	V	W
Y	V	A	W	K	O	Y	A	P	N
S	P	I	K	Y	Y	U	D	L	T
F	G	N	O	L	Y	X	S	C	P
B	A	L	D	I	A	E	T	Q	B
Y	B	L	L	A	T	D	A	R	K

- 2 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

attractive • bald • medium-height •
medium-length • stocky • straight

- Her hair's nowadays. She used to have it short, but now it sits on her shoulders.
- He's short and, with broad shoulders and big bones.
- I think Beyoncé has a beautiful face. She's so
- I'm quite short, but I look with spiky hair and high-heeled shoes.
- They're so different. John's got blonde, hair but his brother has dark, curly hair.
- My dad isn't completely, but he doesn't have much hair.

Personality

- 3 ☆☆ Choose the correct alternative.

- Susie's very arrogant/bossy. She always knows best and never listens to anyone's advice.
- Jan's sensitive/sensible and he rarely loses his calm in stressful situations.
- Sam's over six-foot tall and very well-built/stocky.
- I need someone I can really trust to do the job and I'm not sure if he's reliable/affectionate enough.
- It was very generous/loyal of him to lend her so much money.
- Harry gets very determined/impatient when people don't agree with him.

- 4 ☆☆☆ Complete the article with the words in the box.

confident • determined • energetic • generous • loyal •
optimistic • patient • reliable • sensitive • shy • strong

AMAZING RACE – amazing personalities!

The *Amazing Race*® is a reality TV game show where 12 teams of two people race around the world for a \$1 million prize. Some (a) viewers watch it every week! There have been more than 30 seasons so far, but there are always similar personality types.

Husband and wife Meredith and Gretchen are an older couple. They're aren't as physically (b) as other younger competitors, but they're (c) – you can depend on them to do what they say. Mums Linda and Karen are very (d) – they keep positive even when things go wrong! Rachel and Elissa are sisters. Rachel's (e) in her abilities because she's the winner of two reality shows! She's (f) to win, but she's not arrogant.

Cousins Leo and Jamal work well together, but Jamal says Leo is very (g) and doesn't like it when he is criticised. Friends Corinne and Eliza are very (h), they are always looking for fun activities.

Racers aren't usually (i) – they're outgoing and love meeting people. They spend hours waiting at airports and stations, so they're (j), too. Most of all they're competitive – don't expect them to be (k) with their time to help other racers. Do you think all reality TV shows have these personality types?



Vocabulary extension ☆☆☆

- 5 Match the words (1–6) to their opposite meanings (a–f).

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| 1 talkative | a confident |
| 2 outgoing | b modest |
| 3 arrogant | c quiet |
| 4 generous | d sad |
| 5 cheerful | e selfish |
| 6 nervous | f shy |

Great students' tip

Antonyms – words with opposite meanings

Remember words can have more than one antonym, e.g. the opposite for *shy* could be *confident* or *talkative*. Noting antonyms can improve your vocabulary. You can often make antonyms by adding a prefix, e.g. *unreliable* or *impatient*.