

LISTENING, VOCABULARY AND READING

Is Beauty Just Skin Deep?

What does this saying mean and is there any truth to it? This article will examine beauty and importance placed on beauty in society.

Five people were asked to describe what features make a face attractive. Complete the collocations (a-l) to describe some of the facial features they mention. Choose the most suitable words from the box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

bone structure cheekbones eyebrows eyes eyes
in the cheeks jaw lips nose skin smile teeth

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| a smooth _____ | e a square _____ | i a turned-up _____ |
| b good _____ | f big _____ | j high _____ |
| c white _____ | g full _____ | k arched _____ |
| d sparkling _____ | h a big _____ | l dimples _____ |

Read the article on page 83 and find out whether the statements are true or false.

- a Beauty is just skin deep.
- b There are some common traits that all beautiful people share.
- c Some elements of beauty, such as symmetry, are valued only by humans.
- d The focal point for judging beauty is the face.
- e There are benefits to being beautiful.

Read the definitions and find out the missing words

Glossary

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| a _____ noun [U] the commonly held ideas typical of a particular time and expressed in the culture | f _____ adjective: a woman with a small waist and large breasts and hips |
| b _____ noun [U] an extremely large number of people or things | g _____ noun [C]: the muscle between your shoulder and elbow on the front of your arm |
| c _____ adjective: existing at a particular time or in a particular place | h _____ noun [C]: (inf) stomach muscles that are very well developed. |
| d _____ adjective: slightly fat in a pleasant way | i _____ adjective: important and noticeable |
| e _____ adjective: thin in an attractive way | j _____ phrasal verb: to have a good quality or ability |