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Vocabulary

1 Write the words under the correct headings. Then write sentences describing yourself and your classmates, as in the example.

- skinny • freckles • blue • fairly short • spiky
- handsome • mid-twenties • curly • sporty
- plump • of average height • late teens • big
- pretty • tall • shoulder-length • early thirties
- slim • dimples • small • beard

Age	<i>mid-twenties,</i>
Height	<i>fairly short,</i>
Build	<i>skinny,</i>
Hair	<i>spiky,</i>
Eyes	<i>blue,</i>
Special features	<i>freckles,</i>
General	<i>handsome,</i>

I am fairly short, with blue eyes and spiky hair.

2 Find the odd word.

- 1 plump – skinny – obese – modest **body**
- 2 dark – fair – gentle – soft **complexion**
- 3 fat – long – wavy – thick **hair**
- 4 pointed – tall – stubby – slender **nose**
- 5 slanting – bright – pale – big **eyes**

3 Match the adjectives to the people they describe.

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| <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> disorganised</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> forgetful</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> ambitious</p> | <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> modest</p> <p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> tactless</p> <p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> confident</p> |
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- a Someone who believes in himself.
- b Someone who wants to achieve great things.
- c Someone who is very bad at arranging and taking care of things.
- d Someone who does not boast about his/her personal achievements.
- e Someone whose words are likely to offend someone else.
- f Someone who often doesn't remember important things.

4 Underline the correct item.

- 1 James is really arrogant/selfish/annoying. He only cares about himself.
- 2 Our teacher is very demanding/generous/kind. He always gives us lots of work to do.
- 3 Alison is so indifferent/aggressive/impatient. She wants everything done right away!
- 4 It's quite impolite/deceitful/dishonest to ask people about their personal lives.
- 5 My best friend is a very cheerful/moody/sympathetic person who's always got a smile on her face.
- 6 You should stop being so dull/sloppy/lazy and do your chores.
- 7 Alan is a positive/truthful/gentle person. He never tells lies.
- 8 She is so pessimistic/indifferent/conservative. She always expects bad things to happen.
- 9 You're always trying to start an argument. You should stop being so rude/spirited/aggressive.

5 Read the following post from a student forum and fill in: *hot tempered, patient, sympathetic, nosey, caring, annoyed, polite*.

Hi everyone! I'm having some problems with my best friend. She is usually very happy and 1) but lately she's been quite 2) and gets angry with practically everyone over the smallest things. I've asked her to tell me what's bothering her lots of times, but she just tells me that I'm 3), and that I should mind my own business. Honestly, I'm starting to get a bit 4) with her behaviour.

Alison, Edinburgh

Alison,

You need to be 5) with your friend, and wait for her to approach you with what's eating her. And when she does, be 6) about her problem and show that you are a 7) friend. Just be there to listen to her worries and try to get her through this tough period.

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