7 Describing appearance

A Physical features

My little niece Keira is so **cute**. She's got **chubby cheeks**[1] and huge brown eyes.
My sister Jessica is a bit **skinny** and **wears** a lot of **make-up**.
Sophie is **gorgeous**, with a great **figure**, and always looks very **glamorous**.
One of my neighbours is **bald**[2], **overweight** and has a **hideous tattoo**[3].
My gran's **getting on for** 85 and has quite a few **wrinkles**[4] now.

GLOSSARY

cute	pretty and attractive, often used to describe babies, puppies, etc.	**gorgeous** *inf*	very beautiful and attractive SYN **stunning**
chubby	slightly fat, but in an attractive way	**figure**	the shape of a person's body
skinny *inf*	too thin (**Slim** and **slender** are 'thin' in an attractive way.)	**glamorous**	appearing more exciting and attractive than ordinary people
make-up	cream, powder, etc. that you put on your face to make you look more attractive: ***wear make-up***	**overweight**	rather fat
		hideous	very ugly
		be getting on for sth	be nearly a particular age, time or number: *It's **getting on for** midnight.*

1 Would you be *happy, unhappy* or *not sure* to be described in these ways?

bald chubby cute full of wrinkles glamorous gorgeous hideous overweight skinny slim stunning

HAPPY: ..... UNHAPPY: ..... NOT SURE: .....

2 Find six pairs of words in the box and explain the connection.

chubby	gorgeous	overweight	wrinkles	babies	wear
cute	skin	make-up	cheeks	stunning	fat

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3 Complete the sentences.

1 My brother has now got a ..... of a heart on his chest. I think it's horrible.
2 My mother's ..... 50, but still has a great ..... .
3 Most babies seem to have a round face and chubby ..... .
4 I want people to think I'm ....., but not too skinny.
5 He's got a few ..... now he's in his 70s, but I think they give his face character.
6 There's a picture of the two kittens asleep on a chair. They look very ..... .
7 My sister's boyfriends are usually quite ugly, but the new one is really ..... .
8 Film stars always look so ....., don't they? I'm sure they're different in real life.
9 My best friend Amelia is ..... . I wish I was that beautiful.
10 I don't ..... much make-up these days.

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B Clothes and appearance

DRESS FOR YOUR SHAPE

The **key to** dressing for your body shape is to **enhance** your best **features** and cleverly **conceal** the not so good ones. Here are a few **guidelines**:

- Wearing dark colours or **vertical stripes**[1] will **create the illusion** of being slimmer.
- For women, **high heels**[2] are **flattering** because they **exaggerate** the length of their legs.
- If you are pear-shaped (with narrow shoulders and **broad hips**[3]), jeans that sit below the **waist**[4] are flattering, as they **draw attention to** the waistline and make your bottom look smaller.

GLOSSARY

key to sth	the thing that makes you able to understand or achieve sth	**create an illusion (of sth)**	make sth appear true, which in fact is false
enhance	increase or improve the quality, value or status of sth	**flattering**	making sb look more attractive OPP **unflattering**
feature	a part of sb's face or body	**exaggerate**	make sth seem bigger, better, worse or more important than it really is **exaggeration** *n*
conceal *formal*	hide sth	**broad**	wide: ***broad shoulders/hips*** OPP **narrow** (We use **wide** more to talk about distance and geographical areas: *The room was 4 metres **wide**.*)
guidelines	information that can help you make a decision or form an opinion		
vertical	OPP **horizontal**	**draw (sb's) attention to sth**	make sb notice sth

4 Underline the main stress on each word. Use the APP to help you.

conceal create enhance exaggerate exaggeration guidelines horizontal illusion vertical

5 Circle the correct answer.

1 If you create an illusion, you make something appear ***true / false***.
2 Guidelines usually ***stop you doing something / help you***.
3 Enhancing something is a ***positive / negative*** change.
4 Lines that go up and down are ***horizontal / vertical***.
5 If you exaggerate something, you make it seem ***more / less*** important than it really is.
6 People came to the music festival from a ***broad / wide*** area.
7 If you wear something that is flattering, it makes you look ***worse / better*** than usual.
8 If you conceal something, others ***can / can't*** see it.

6 Complete the sentences.

1 The right clothes can show off your best _____, e.g. long legs or a slim waist.
2 I don't look good in jeans: my waist is quite small but I've got broad _____.
3 Clothes with vertical _____ make you look slimmer; high _____ make you taller.
4 The _____ to her success is talent, not good looks!
5 He wears a hat because he doesn't want to _____ attention to the fact he's bald.
6 To say he's the best-looking man in the world is a bit of an _____.
7 He's getting fat but he tries to _____ it by wearing very loose jackets.
8 Those trousers are very _____: they make her look fat.
9 I've got _____ shoulders, but quite a small _____. I've never put on much weight.
10 I think it's useful when fashion experts give you _____ on how to dress.

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