

10.1 VOCABULARY

DESCRIBING CHARACTERISTICS

A Match the words to their definitions.

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| 1 being similar in appearance: _____ | a individual |
| 2 the state of being male or female: _____ | b gender |
| 3 a person who is not part of a group: _____ | c look |
| 4 used to describe the appearance of something: _____ | d look-alike |
| 5 someone who looks very similar to someone else: _____ | e likeness |

B Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words *female*, *male*, *individual*, and *characteristic*. Then circle the form being used, A (adjective) or N (noun).

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| 1 The teacher did her best to treat all her students as _____. | A / N |
| 2 Some women feel more comfortable seeing a _____ doctor. | A / N |
| 3 The manager dealt with each problem on an _____ basis. | A / N |
| 4 Does he have any distinguishing _____? | A / N |
| 5 At 86, Uncle Reuben was Joey's oldest _____ relative. | A / N |
| 6 There are five giraffes at the zoo. Two males and three _____. | A / N |
| 7 One _____ of the New York City subway system is that it's often crowded. | A / N |

C Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 He had a square *build* / *characteristic* with wide shoulders and a thick neck.
- 2 Helen and her sister Patricia share a family *match* / *likeness*.
- 3 Joshua bears a striking *similarity* / *look-alike* to his father.
- 4 In some places, a *individual* / *characteristic* of traditional breakfasts is that they include eggs and toast.
- 5 Amy's bright red hair was her most noticeable *look* / *feature*.
- 6 Regardless of *gender* / *build*, most young children enjoy playing with toys like blocks, dolls, and toy cars.
- 7 The brown shoes *match* / *look-alike* the blue pants.

D Complete the conversation with words and phrases from exercise C. In some cases, there may be more than one correct answer.

- A** Tell me, have you ever met someone who is your ¹ _____?
- B** No, I haven't ever met anyone who looks exactly like me. But there is a ² _____ between me and my brother. How about you?
- A** Hmm, not really. I share some ³ _____ with my parents. We act alike, but we don't really look alike.
- B** What do you think is your most prominent ⁴ _____?
- A** As if you had to ask! My big nose, obviously!