# 1.4 READING

Unusual appearances • synonyms • clothing • compound adjectives

**1 Read the texts. Match pictures A–C with texts 1–3.**

A ☐
B ☐
C ☐

1

## NEWS

35-year-old Herbert Chavez from the Philippines has transformed* himself from an ordinary dress maker into a real life Superman. After nineteen surgeries that copy the comic book hero's look, Chavez has become a real-life Clarke Kent.

Herbert first fell in love with the superhero when he was five years old. Since then he has spent around 300,000 pesos (£4,400) on his obsession – a huge amount of money compared to the average wage in the Philippines.

When he's not making dresses, Herbert can often be seen in the streets around his home dressed as Superman. He aims to teach children good morals and have some fun at the same time.

Herbert says he feels like a superhero whenever he pulls on the costume,* but his mission is not to save the world but to help in his own small way and bring a smile to the faces of local children.

2

Sleepily, Fiona switched off the alarm clock and tried to wake up fully. It was Monday again and she had another busy week ahead. With only four weeks until her final exams, there was lots of hard work to do and no time for her social life. She really wanted to be older, already finished with school, already earning. Perhaps because winter was coming and it was still cold and dark outside, she found it especially difficult to get out of bed this morning. Her legs felt heavy and she seemed to have less energy than usual. Maybe she had slept badly. Finally, she made it to the bathroom, switched on the light and stood by the washbasin. When she saw her reflection* in the mirror, she screamed. Looking back at her was the face of a terrified old woman – herself, but wrinkled,* pale and grey-haired …

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**At Oddfaces we like our models to be fabulously fat or superbly skinny, ten-feet tall or shockingly short. We love odd models with tattoos, piercings and memorable faces.**

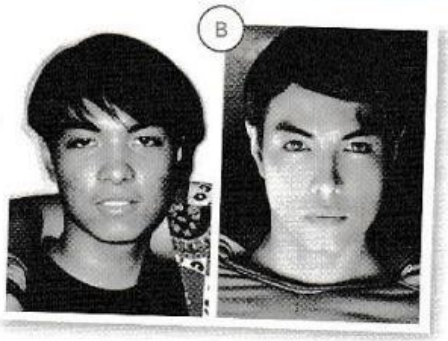
We have over 1,000 unique character models between the ages of 18 and 98 and sizes 7 and 27. Our models can bring a truly eye-catching look to music videos, TV shows and films, and of course print and film advertising. For over a decade, we have successfully provided the most unusual faces and bodies for top fashion designers, photographers and film directors.

If you need beautifully strange and strangely beautiful people, then look no further.

**Pretty faces are everywhere these days – choose something different. Choose Oddfaces.**

A

B



C

GLOSSARY

**transform** *(v)* – change completely; przeobrazić się
**costume** *(n)* – clothes that make you look like something, e.g. an animal or a famous person; kostium, przebranie
**reflection** *(n)* – an image you can see in a mirror, glass or water; odbicie
**wrinkled** *(adj)* – skin or cloth that is wrinkled has small lines or folds in it; pomarszczony



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2 **Read the texts again. Choose the correct answer A–D.**

1 According to the article, Herbert Chavez uses his new appearance
A to earn money.
B to educate and entertain.
C to promote his business.
D to remind him of his childhood.

2 The story describes a change in Fiona's
A appearance and mood.
B daily routine.
C behaviour.
D social life.

3 The author of text 3 wants to
A announce a competition.
B offer advice.
C advertise a company.
D tell a story.

3 **Read the text again. Complete the sentences about each text with 1–3 words in each gap.**

1 Herbert Chavez has been _____ Superman since his childhood.
2 Herbert's fascination with Superman has cost him _____ than the people in the Philippines usually make.
3 Fiona needed to make a great effort to get ready for _____.
4 Fiona usually has more _____ than she had on the morning of the story.
5 You don't have to be young or very slim to be _____ by Oddfaces.
6 Oddfaces might be a good place for you if you are looking for someone with _____.

4 **Complete the gaps with the underlined synonyms from the texts.**

extremely frightened = *terrified*
1 operations = _____
2 ten years = _____
3 strange = _____
4 poorly = _____
5 massive = _____

**REMEMBER BETTER**

Ucząc się nowego słowa lub wyrażenia, sprawdź w słowniku jego synonim lub zwrot o zbliżonym znaczeniu. W ten sposób poszerzysz zasób słownictwa. Aby łatwiej zapamiętać oba wyrażenia, zapisz w zeszycie zdanie, w którym mogą one być używane wymiennie.

**Complete the sentences with one of the pairs of words 1–5 in Exercise 4.**

Polly was *extremely frightened/terrified* of thunder and lightning.
1 The first time I saw a Batman film was over _____ ago.
2 Since her skiing accident, poor Marta has had three _____ on her leg.
3 Lewis has a _____ tattoo that covers both arms and the whole of his back.
4 Lola's facial piercing looks very _____. At first, I thought it was a big spot!
5 Both Claire and Emily think they did very _____ in the Physics exam.

## FOCUS ON WORDS | Clothing

5 **Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letters are given.**

Tammy wants to open a shop that sells original g*arments* from the 1960s. Dresses, boots, jewellery – any items of clothing and accessories from that era really.
1 Hoodies may be **i**_____ clothes for today's graffiti artists and skaters but they were first worn in the 1930s in America for sports training.
2 Yes, madam. This jacket is **u**_____, so it's fine for either your son or your daughter to wear.
3 These trousers are too long, so I need to take them to a **t**_____ before I can wear them.
4 Don't you think it's crazy that people buy designer **u**_____ just to wear beneath their clothes?
5 Cotton is a good **f**_____ for shirts because it's light and easy to dye different colours.

## FOCUS ON WORDS | Compound adjectives

6 **Match the halves of the compound adjectives in boxes A and B and complete the sentences.**

A brightly ~~cutting-~~ hard- fast- multi- short-

B coloured drying ~~edge~~ purpose sleeved wearing

The latest in *cutting-edge* fashion are clothes that don't get wet or dirty.
1 This sports shirt is _____, so I can wash it tonight and wear it again tomorrow morning.
2 Jakub never wears _____ shirts to work because he has a big tattoo on his arm.
3 Jeans became popular for workmen because they are _____ and last a long time.
4 I love clothes which are _____. My electric-blue and sunflower-yellow Jimmi Hendrix T-shirt is my favourite piece of clothing!
5 Clothes which are _____ might not be the most fashionable but they are the most practical. You can wear them on any occasion.


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# GRAMMAR 1.5

Present Perfect Continuous

## SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

**1 Complete the sentences and questions with the Present Perfect Simple forms of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms.**

Claire *has disliked* (dislike) Danny since they first met at Julia's party.

1 _____ (you/know) Megan for a long time?
2 I _____ (never/understand) why people pay so much for brand name clothing.
3 How long _____ (Chloe/want) to be a fashion designer?
4 _____ (they/see) all the paintings in the gallery yet?
5 Grandma _____ (not/need) glasses since she had the eye operation.

**2 ★ Complete the tour guide's speech with the Present Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms.**

Welcome to our kilt factory. We hope you enjoy the tour. *Have you been waiting* (you/wait) long? I hope not. Our company [1] _____ (produce) kilts for over 150 years. Today we are going to see how a traditional Scottish kilt is made. We [2] _____ (make) our famous Highlander model since the 1920s. Originally kilts were designed for everyday use, but later they were worn only on more formal occasions. We [3] _____ (sell) more and more of them as fashion items in recent years. We also make trousers here at the factory but we [4] _____ (not/do) that for as long. Now sir, I see that you are wearing one of our kilts. You look wonderful! [5] _____ (you/buy) our brand for a long time?

**3 ★★ Charlie and Mary are at an art gallery. Choose the correct forms to complete the dialogue.**

M: Can we rest for a minute, Charlie? We [1] *haven't stopped / haven't been stopping* since we got here. I'm exhausted!
C: Sure, Mary. We' [2] *'ve walked / 've been walking* around since 9. Let's get a coffee.
M: Great. I [3] *haven't had / haven't been having* a drink since this morning.

*In the café …*

C: There are some lovely paintings here, don't you think?
M: Yeah, lovely. It [4] *'s been / 's been being* a great morning, Charlie.
C: Listen Mary, I [5] *'ve waited / 've been waiting* for the right moment to talk to you.
M: Really, Charlie? What is it?
C: Well, we are good friends, and we [6] *'ve liked / 've been liking* each other for a long time, right?
M: Yes, Charlie. We [7] *'ve spent / 've been spending* more and more time together recently. What do you want to say?
C: Well, do you think you and I could maybe study for our exams together?
M: Yes, Charlie, I suppose we could.

**4 ★★★ Complete one sentence with the Present Perfect Simple and one with the Present Perfect Continuous form of each verb in capitals.**

READ
a Rebecca *has been reading* that novel all day.
b Rebecca *has read* five books this year.

1 LOOK
a James and Kirsty _____ at photos all morning.
b James and Kirsty _____ at most of the photos from the school trip.

2 SAVE (you)
a How long _____ money for a new phone?
b How much money _____ this year?

3 COLLECT
a Dan _____ over 200 different Spiderman comics.
b Dan _____ comics for seven years.

4 NOT PLAY
a Karen _____ football since she broke her leg last year.
b Karen _____ chess for very long, so she still forgets the rules sometimes.

## SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

**5 Complete the text with the Present Perfect Simple and Present Perfect Continuous forms of the verbs from the box. Use short forms. There are two extra verbs.**

buy/you change contact have help
not read watch wear work

**Emma Brady Stylists**

*Have you bought* any new clothes this year? How long [1] _____ the same old shoes? How many times [2] _____ your hairstyle this year? If you [3] _____ fashion magazines recently because you've been too busy, but want to know what is stylish right now, then maybe I can help. My name is Emma Brady and I'm a personal stylist and shopping consultant. For the last four years, my colleagues and I [4] _____ men and women to choose clothes, shoes and hairstyles that really suit them. Since I started my business, I [5] _____ with over 200 customers. We [6] _____ some very famous people as extremely satisfied clients. Contact us now at em@ebstyle.net

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# USE OF ENGLISH

## 1.6

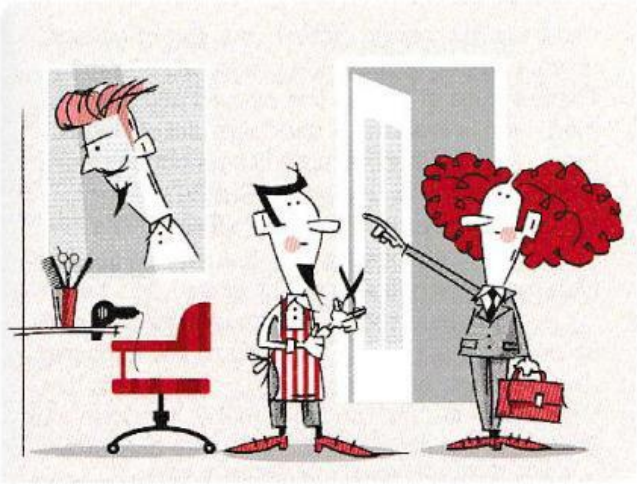
Word formation – common suffixes

**1 ★ Complete the sentences with the correct verb form of the words in brackets.**

Janice hopes (HOPE) you can come to the barbecue party on Sunday.

1 Where was James _____ (EDUCATE)? Did he go to a private school?
2 My Grandpa always said: 'If you want to _____ (SUCCESS) in life, work hard and play fair.'
3 I'm so happy! I've been _____ (ACCEPT) into my first choice of university!
4 Getting into the best university in the country was Laura's great _____ (ACHIEVE).
5 Mark's _____ (CREATE) helps him write amazing stories for children.

**2 ★ Choose the correct answers A–C.**



1 **Harry:** I'm sorry but I don't think this style is __ with your hair.
**Yosef:** Seriously? So, should I choose something else?
A achievement B achievable C unachievable

2 **Charlie:** Mum says I can't go out today because I was late home last night.
**Adam:** What? That doesn't sound like very fair __ .
A punishing B punishment C punish

3 **Mindy:** I told my teacher I lost my homework, but really I didn't do it.
**Claire:** That wasn't very __ , was it?
A respectful B disrespectful C respected

4 **Hanna:** You look great in that hat. You should buy it.
**Landen:** It's too expensive and buying clothes isn't a __ for me at the moment.
A prioritise B priorities C priority

5 **Dan:** Are you sure you didn't wear my hoodie without asking?
**Nigel:** No, I __ didn't. It doesn't even fit me.
A honest B dishonest C honestly

6 **June:** I'm sorry, but can you __ how this design program works again?
**Karl:** Sure, no problem.
A clarity B clarify C clarification

**3 ★★ Complete the sentences using the prompts in brackets. Do not change the order of the words. Change the forms or add new words where necessary. Use between two and three words in each gap.**

I have to admit that I cried pathetically (cry/pathetic) when I saw just how bad my new tattoo was.

1 I have never _____ (speak/dishonest) to you but have only ever told you the truth.
2 This handbag _____ (be/ridiculous / expensive) – who on earth would buy this?
3 Amanda _____ (go/absolute) crazy when she found out she was the Model of the Year.
4 Truman apologised for _____ (behave/bad) when he lost the match.
5 Janice has never _____ (shout/angry) at her naughty little sister.

**4 ★★ Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words.**

She has totally no education.
She is totally uneducated.

1 My aunt Josie is very creative when she dresses.
My aunt Josie dresses _____ .
2 If you want to achieve success in the fashion industry, work hard.
If you want to be _____ , work hard.
3 It surprised a lot of people when Blake accepted the Worst-Dressed Man of 2018 award.
_____ of the award for the worst-dressed man of 2018 surprised a lot of people.
4 Our sponsors are not obliged to visit the exhibition.
There is _____ for our sponsors to visit the exhibition.
5 Harvey gave me an angry look when he saw me in his leather jacket.
Harvey looked _____ when he saw me in his leather jacket.

**5 ★★★ Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| create | educate | honest | leader |
| priority | ~~profession~~ | regulate | respect |

## Working with stars

Anyone who works in media must look their best at all times. How do they achieve this? Most use the services of a professional make-up artist – or cosmetologist. Is this a job you might fancy doing? Well, here's what you need to do.

Firstly, a make-up specialist will need a formal [1] _____ in cosmetology. This is usually a mix of a practical and a theoretical course. One particular skill that is needed at this early stage is [2] _____ because during these studies, trainees should start building a portfolio of their best work.

In some countries, official [3] _____ say that cosmetologists then have to complete an exam in health and safety before they can get a licence to work.

Good [4] _____ skills are not needed because most cosmetologists are their own boss and often run their own business. And, whether they choose to work in a salon, in a theatre, or work in TV or film studios, a good make-up artist is always [5] _____ of their clients as good customer service is essential in this job.



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# 1.7 WRITING

Describing a person

**1 Match the beginnings with the correct endings to form sentences.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | He's in his | [g] | a blue eyes. |
| 1 | She's the sort of person who | [ ] | b hard-working. |
| 2 | She's got long | [ ] | c forgets his manners. |
| 3 | He sometimes | [ ] | d loves kids. |
| 4 | The first thing you notice about her is her large | [ ] | e fashionable clothes. |
| 5 | He usually wears | [ ] | f blonde hair. |
| 6 | She's not always | [ ] | g mid-twenties. |

**2 Put the words in order to complete the sentences.**

in / early / thirties / her / is
Becky *is in her early thirties.*

1 interested / is / not / fashion / in / really
Peter _____.

2 a / make / would / doctor / great
Lucy _____.

3 beautiful / hair / long / blonde / got
Marta's _____.

4 bit / is / too / a / slim
Liam _____.

5 a / would / great / make / model
Roxanne _____.

6 who / kind / person / always / your / remembers / birthday / of / is / the
Lucas _____.

**3 Complete Adam's description with the words from the box. There are two extra words.**

built casual dark dresses easy-going
friendly height into ~~our~~ type

**4 Find and correct the mistakes.**

Mrs Baldwin is kinds of easy-going as a teacher if you ask me. *kind of*

1 My baby sister, who is three, tends cry a lot. _____

2 I'm not particular lazy, but I like to do nothing sometimes. _____

3 Andrzej always isn't very polite with new people. _____

4 Ula sorts of shy, but she's different when you get to know her. _____

5 Diana can a little tired in the evenings because she wakes up at 6 a.m. every day. _____

6 Paulo could be a bit little smarter, but he has made an effort to dress nicely. _____

7 Dad's exactly not a genius, but he is very clever. _____

**5 Complete the text with the words and phrases from the box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.**

a little bit bit could be kind little
not exactly particularly ~~sort of~~

I saw an interesting picture in a *sort of* gallery or café the other day. It's a portrait of a man. There's a lot of blue in the picture and the man, who is wearing a dark blue jacket, looks [1]_____ of cool, almost like he doesn't care about anything in the world. But he's also [2]_____ mysterious in my opinion. He's [3]_____ strange-looking, but he has got big blue eyes which look straight at you. His hair [4]_____ blue too, but because the picture is so dark, it's a [5]_____ hard to tell for sure. And his coat, which doesn't [6]_____ fit him very well – it's far too big – makes the man look a [7]_____ uncomfortable. It was only after looking at the picture for some time that I read the short text below it and learned that it was a self-portrait by one of the most famous 20th-century painters!

Hi Jake

Hi Adam

I'm meeting Josh later. U coming out?

Josh?????

U know Josh, don't you? Emily's cousin.

Not sure. What does he look like?

He's *our* age with long [1]_____ hair.

?

He's got a [2]_____ face.

What?

Oh come on Adam. He's about medium [3]_____ and fairly well- [4]_____. You know him!

Do I?

He always [5]_____ in black and he's [6]_____ Goth music.

Oh! U mean 'Goth Josh.' Yeah, he's an [7]_____ guy. What time are we meeting?



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