

4 People

VOCABULARY

4.1

Appearance • adjective order
• personality

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the description with the words from the box.

ears eyes eyebrows eyelashes forehead
hair head lips neck mouth nose

This is a description of a person's **head** from top to bottom. ¹_____ grows on the head. It can be short, long, curly or straight. You can even have dreadlocks. At the front of the head is the ²_____. If you have a fringe (short hair), it can cover a lot or all of this. Under this are the ³_____; some people's are thick and some people's are thin. We see with our ⁴_____ and, just above these are the ⁵_____ – short hairs that protect them. At the side of the head, we have two ⁶_____. We can hear things with these. In the centre of the face, we have a ⁷_____ with two holes in it which we use to breathe and to smell things. Under this is the ⁸_____ where we put food when we eat it. Around the mouth, we have two ⁹_____. Under the face, we have a ¹⁰_____ which joins the head to the body.

WORD STORE 4A | Appearance

2 Complete the table with the words in the correct places.

bald blond brown blue curly fit
green grey good-looking medium-length
middle-aged pretty short slim sporty
red teenager wavy well-built

Age	_____ , _____
Appearance	_____ bald _____ , _____
Build	_____ , _____
Hair type	_____ , _____
Hair length	_____ , _____
Hair and eye colour	_____ , _____
Hair colour only	_____ , _____
Eye colour only	_____ , _____

3 Complete the sentences with two opposite adjectives. The first letters are given.

I'm only 54. I'm not **o**ld. I'm still **y**oung!

- I'm not saying that Chris is **a** _____ . He's got a nice smile, but he's not exactly **b** _____ with his big nose and ears!
- Helen hasn't really got **a** _____ hair. Her eyebrows are **b** _____ and that's her real hair colour too.
- My parents have both got **a** _____ hair but my hair is **b** _____ . My sister's hair is wavy.
- At our school, boys can't have very **a** _____ hair. The strange thing is that girls can't have very **b** _____ hair.
- Why are you worried about what you eat? You aren't **a** _____ . You are really **b** _____ . I think you should eat more.
- When my friends and I go out, we take a lot of photos but the **a** _____ people always stand in the front, so you can never see the **b** _____ people behind them.

WORD STORE 4B | Adjective order

4 Label the adjectives with the correct numbers.

1 = opinion 2 = length/size 3 = type 4 = colour

Helen: It's boring here. Let's play movie characters.

Elaine: OK. He's an (1) ugly, (2) small creature with ^a() big, ^b() blue eyes and a ^c() big, ^d() bald head.

Helen: Gollum.

Elaine: Very good. Your turn.

Helen: They are ^a() tall, ^b() blue people with ^c() strange, ^d() big ears.

Elaine: The Na'vi from Avatar. What about this one? He's a ^a() nice, old man with ^b() long, ^c() straight, ^d() grey hair and a long beard.

Helen: Gandalf?

Elaine: It could be. Or Dumbledore. It's the same actor.

Helen: He's a ^a() friendly, young boy with ^b() medium-length, ^c() red hair.

Elaine: Ron Weasley. But he's 30 now and he's going bald! Try this one. He's a ^a() handsome, ^b() well-built young man. He's got ^c() long, ^d() straight, ^e() brown hair but then he cuts it short.

Helen: Jacob from Twilight. My turn.

Elaine: Here's our bus. Come on. You can tell me when we sit down.

REMEMBER BETTER

To remember the order of adjectives in a sentence memorise the acronym: **ALSO**, which stands for the adjectives representing four main categories of adjectives (opinion, size, type, colour). **ALSO** stands for: **a**mazing, **l**ong, **s**traight, **o**range (hair). You can always refer to **ALSO** when you want to put two or three adjectives in the correct order.



WORD STORE 4C | Personality

- 5 Complete the text with the opposites of the adjectives in brackets. The first letters are given.

Application for summer camp volunteers

Describe yourself:

I'm a very sociable (UNSOCIABLE) person. I love meeting people and talking to them. I'm not at all ¹s_____ (CONFIDENT). At school, I'm quite ²s_____ (FUNNY) and hard-working but, when I'm not working, I have a good sense of humour. I'm ³c_____ (STUPID) and do well with my school work. I am hoping to go to university next year to study law. I'm a very ⁴p_____ (NEGATIVE) person and I try to see the good in people. I think I'm an ⁵i_____ (BORING) person and that most people like me. I care about people and animals and I think I am ⁶k_____ (UNKIND).

Personal details:

Name: Janine

Surname: Terence

Age: 18



REMEMBER BETTER

In English, we try not to use negative adjectives when we talk about people. Instead, we use the structure **not very + positive adjective**. Compare:

He's ugly. vs He's not very handsome.

- 6 Rewrite the sentences using more polite forms.

British people are shy.

British people aren't very confident.

- 1 The boys in my class are funny. _____
- 2 My brother is negative about other people. _____
- 3 This film is boring. _____
- 4 The new student is unsociable. _____
- 5 Those girls are unkind. _____

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

- 7 Choose the correct answers A-C.

- 1 Janet's sister is quite _____. I think she's fourteen.
A young B short C middle-aged
- 2 Emily's got ____ hair. I think it looks great.
A short, curly, B curly, dark, C dark, curly, dark short short
- 3 Mark does a lot of exercise. He is really _____.
A well-built B tall C sociable
- 4 What ____ the new English teacher look like?
A is B does C has
- 5 Grandpa hasn't got any hair - he's _____.
A wavy B curly C bald
- 6 Poor Colin never does well in his exams. He tries hard but he isn't very _____.
A positive B interesting C clever
- 7 It's difficult for Jackie to make friends at university because she is so _____.
A shy B kind C sociable
- 8 Paul never laughs. He is always so _____. He's so different to his brother.
A confident B serious C funny
- 9 What's your new teacher ____?
A look B look like C like
- 10 My mum's hair isn't curly and it isn't straight. It's _____.
A bald B wavy C blond

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