1b 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	*mid-twenties,*
Height	*fairly short,*
Build	*skinny,*
Hair	*spiky,*
Eyes	*blue,*
Special features	*freckles,*
General	*handsome,*

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.**

1	disorganised	4	modest
2	forgetful	5	tactless
3	ambitious	6	confident

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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