

1B SONG Ugly

- a Look at the song and the words in the list. Then listen to the song and fill in the blanks with an adjective or noun.

Adjectives: bad beautiful comfortable jealous shorter ~~strange~~ taller ugly great

Nouns: body eyes hair life personality smile

Ugly

When I was seven they said I was ¹ strange
I noticed that my ² _____ and
³ _____ weren't the same.
I asked my parents if I was OK
They said you're more ⁴ _____ and that's
the way
They show that they wish that they had your
⁵ _____
So my confidence was up for a while,
I got real ⁶ _____ with my own style
I knew that they were only ⁷ _____ 'cause

Chorus

People are all the same
And we only get judged by what we do
⁸ _____ reflects name
And if I'm ⁹ _____ then so are you,
so are you

There was a time when I felt like I cared
That I was ¹⁰ _____ than everyone there
People made me feel like ¹¹ _____ was unfair
And I did things that made me ashamed
'Cause I didn't know my ¹² _____ would change
I grew ¹³ _____ than them in more ways
But there will always be the one who will say
Something bad to make them feel ¹⁴ _____.

Chorus (x2)

Everybody talks ¹⁵ _____ about somebody and
Never realizes how it affects somebody and
You bet it won't be forgotten
Envy is the only thing it could be

Chorus (x2)



- b Listen again and read the lyrics. Use the glossary to help you. Then choose the correct alternatives to make a summary of the song.

Ugly is about a girl who grows up feeling ¹ **happy** / **worried** about her ² **appearance** / **parents**. She feels ³ **different from** / **the same as** people around her. Some people say ⁴ **kind** / **unkind** things about her. As she becomes ⁵ **older** / **richer**, she feels a lot more ⁶ **confident** / **jealous** about herself and her life.

SONG FACTS

Ugly was a hit single for the Sugababes in many countries in 2005 and 2006. The band recorded the song after negative comments about them in British newspapers. Sugababes used a line from this song as the name of their fourth album, *Taller in More Ways*.

GLOSSARY

my confidence was up = I felt good about myself
comfortable with my own style = I liked the way I looked
we get judged by what we do = our actions are important, not our appearance
so are you = you are, too
unfair = not treating people equally

ashamed = feeling bad about things you have done
grew taller ... in more ways = became a better person
realize how it affects somebody = see the results of your actions
you bet = you can be sure
envy = feeling jealous of another person