



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
_____ 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

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)

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



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.

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