

# 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. <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. If you have a fringe (short hair), it can cover a lot or all of this. Under this are the <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_; some people's are thick and some people's are thin. We see with our <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and, just above these are the <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – short hairs that protect them. At the side of the head, we have two <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. We can hear things with these. In the centre of the face, we have a <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with two holes in it which we use to breathe and to smell things. Under this is the <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ where we put food when we eat it. Around the mouth, we have two <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Under the face, we have a <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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          | _____ <b>bald</b> _____ , _____ |
| 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**ugly. He's got a nice smile, but he's not exactly **b**ig - \_\_\_\_\_ with his big nose and ears!
- Helen hasn't really got **a**few \_\_\_\_\_ hair. Her eyebrows are **b**old and that's her real hair colour too.
- My parents have both got **a**curly hair but my hair is **b**straight. My sister's hair is wavy.
- At our school, boys can't have very **a**long hair. The strange thing is that girls can't have very **b**short hair.
- Why are you worried about what you eat? You aren't **a**fat. You are really **t**hin. I think you should eat more.
- When my friends and I go out, we take a lot of photos but the **a**ttentive people always stand in the front, so you can never see the **b**shy 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 <sup>a</sup>( ) big, <sup>b</sup>( ) blue eyes and a <sup>c</sup>( ) big, <sup>d</sup>( ) bald head.

Helen: Gollum.

Elaine: Very good. Your turn.

Helen: They are <sup>a</sup>( ) tall, <sup>b</sup>( ) blue people with <sup>c</sup>( ) strange, <sup>d</sup>( ) big ears.

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

Helen: Gandalf?

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

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

Elaine: Ron Weasley. But he's 30 now and he's going bald! Try this one. He's a <sup>a</sup>( ) handsome, <sup>b</sup>( ) well-built young man. He's got <sup>c</sup>( ) long, <sup>d</sup>( ) straight, <sup>e</sup>( ) 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 <sup>1</sup>s\_\_\_\_\_ (CONFIDENT). At school, I'm quite <sup>2</sup>s\_\_\_\_\_ (FUNNY) and hard-working but, when I'm not working, I have a good sense of humour. I'm <sup>3</sup>c\_\_\_\_\_ (STUPID) and do well with my school work. I am hoping to go to university next year to study law. I'm a very <sup>4</sup>p\_\_\_\_\_ (NEGATIVE) person and I try to see the good in people. I think I'm an <sup>5</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_ (BORING) person and that most people like me. I care about people and animals and I think I am <sup>6</sup>k\_\_\_\_\_ (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

/10