

Daily English Vocabulary – Lesson 3: People and Descriptions

Level: A1 | Everyday English | Student Worksheet

Vocabulary

Appearance — what people look like

tall (adjective)	Having a greater than average height.	"My brother is very tall. He is one metre ninety."
short (adjective)	Having less than average height.	"She is short — she is only one metre fifty-five."
young (adjective)	Not old; in the early part of life.	"She is very young. She is only twenty years old."
old (adjective)	Having lived for a long time; not young.	"My grandfather is old. He is eighty-two."
long hair (phrase)	Hair that grows well below the ears or shoulders.	"She has beautiful long dark hair."
short hair (phrase)	Hair that is cut close to the head.	"He has short blond hair."
curly hair (phrase)	Hair that forms loops or waves, not straight.	"My sister has curly brown hair."
blue eyes (phrase)	Eyes that are the colour of a clear sky.	"She has blue eyes and fair skin."

Personality — what people are like

kind (adjective)	Friendly, generous, and caring towards other people.	"She is very kind. She always helps other people."
funny (adjective)	Making people laugh; good at telling jokes.	"He is very funny. He makes everyone laugh."
friendly (adjective)	Behaving in a warm and pleasant way towards people.	"The teacher is very friendly. All the students like her."
quiet (adjective)	Not talking much; preferring to listen or be alone.	"He is quiet at work, but very funny with friends."
intelligent (adjective)	Good at learning and understanding things; clever.	"She is very intelligent. She learns new things very quickly."
happy (adjective)	Feeling pleased and positive; not sad.	"She is always happy. She smiles every day."
shy (adjective)	Nervous or uncomfortable talking to people you do not know.	"He is shy in class, but friendly with his friends."

confident (adjective)	Feeling sure about yourself and your abilities.	<i>"She is very confident. She always speaks first in meetings."</i>
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People and relationships

family (noun)	A group of people who are related to each other.	<i>"I have a small family — just my parents and one sister."</i>
friend (noun)	A person you know well and like.	<i>"My best friend is called Yuki. We went to school together."</i>
colleague (noun)	A person you work with.	<i>"My colleague is very helpful. She always answers my questions."</i>
neighbour (noun)	A person who lives next to you or near your home.	<i>"My neighbour is very friendly. She always says hello."</i>

Exercise 1: Listening

Listen to the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Passage

I have a small family. My mother is tall and has long dark hair. She is very kind and friendly. My father is short and has short grey hair. He is quiet and very intelligent. I have one sister. She is young — she is fifteen years old. She has curly brown hair and blue eyes. She is funny and very kind too. My best friend is called Marco. He is tall with short blond hair. He is very funny and always happy.

Answer the questions. Circle the correct answer.

1. What does the speaker's mother look like?

a) She is short with curly hair. b) She is tall with long dark hair. c) She has short grey hair. d) She has blue eyes and blond hair.

2. What is the speaker's father like?

a) He is funny and confident. b) He is friendly and happy. c) He is quiet and intelligent. d) He is kind and shy.

3. How old is the speaker's sister?

a) Twelve b) Twenty c) Fifteen d) Eighteen

4. What colour are the sister's eyes?

a) Brown b) Green c) Grey d) Blue

5. What is Marco like?

a) He is quiet and intelligent. b) He is shy and kind. c) He is funny and always happy. d) He is friendly and confident.

Exercise 2: True or False?

Read each sentence. Write True or False on the line.

1. "Tall" means having a greater than average height.

Answer: _____

2. A "shy" person talks a lot and loves meeting new people.

Answer: _____

3. "Intelligent" means good at learning and understanding things.

Answer: _____

4. Your "neighbour" is the person who works with you in your office.

Answer: _____

5. "Funny" means you make people laugh.

Answer: _____

6. "Confident" means you feel nervous and unsure about yourself.

Answer: _____

7. Your "family" includes people like your parents, brothers, and sisters.

Answer: _____

8. "Kind" means you do not care about other people.

Answer: _____

Exercise 3: Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. She always smiles and feels positive. She is very ____.

a) shy b) quiet c) happy d) short

2. He is not tall. He is ____.

a) funny b) short c) kind d) confident

3. She does not talk much in class. She is very ____.

a) tall b) funny c) quiet d) friendly

4. He makes everyone laugh. He is very ____.

a) shy b) old c) funny d) tall

5. My ____ lives next to my house. She always says hello.

a) colleague b) family c) neighbour d) friend

6. She understands new things very quickly. She is very ____.

a) intelligent b) short c) shy d) quiet

7. He feels nervous meeting new people. He is ____.

a) confident b) funny c) shy d) friendly

8. She is always helpful and caring. She is very ____.

a) old b) quiet c) kind d) tall

Exercise 4: Matching

Match each word or phrase (A) to its meaning (B). Write the correct number on the line.

A – Word / Phrase	B – Meaning
1. kind ____	1. Friendly, generous, and caring towards other people
2. intelligent ____	6. A person you work with
3. shy ____	4. Feeling sure about yourself and your abilities
4. confident ____	2. Good at learning and understanding things quickly
5. neighbour ____	5. A person who lives next to you or near your home
6. colleague ____	8. Behaving in a warm and pleasant way towards people
7. tall ____	3. Feeling nervous or uncomfortable talking to people you do not know
8. friendly ____	7. Having a greater than average height

Exercise 5: Gap Fill

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

Word Bank: tall | friendly | confident | colleague | curly hair | intelligent | funny | shy

1. My sister is very ____ — she is one metre eighty.
2. He is ____ with everyone. He always says hello and smiles.
3. She is ____ in class. She always answers the teacher's questions.
4. My ____ helps me every day at work. She is very kind.
5. He has _____. It is brown and quite long.
6. She is very _____. She always gets good marks in her exams.
7. My brother is very _____. He always makes me laugh.
8. The new student is _____. She does not talk much yet.

Exercise 6: Word Sort

Put each word or phrase into the correct group.

Word Bank: tall | neighbour | family | shy | colleague | confident | kind | intelligent | short | blue eyes | young | friend | funny | happy | curly hair | long hair

Appearance	Personality	People and relationships
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Exercise 7: Complete the Dialogue

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the conversation. Use the words in the box.

Word Bank: tall | long hair | friendly | intelligent | funny | confident

1. Kim: Tell me about your new teacher. What does she look like? — She is very ____
2. She has ____ — it is dark brown.
3. Sam: She is very ____ and always smiles.
4. And she is very ____ — she explains everything very clearly.
5. She is also very _____. She tells funny stories in class.
6. And she is so ____ — she is not nervous at all when she speaks.

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Exercise 1: Listening

1. What does the speaker's mother look like?

Answer: She is tall with long dark hair.

2. What is the speaker's father like?

Answer: He is quiet and intelligent.

3. How old is the speaker's sister?

Answer: Fifteen

4. What colour are the sister's eyes?

Answer: Blue

5. What is Marco like?

Answer: He is funny and always happy.

Exercise 2: True or False?

1. "Tall" means having a greater than average height.

Answer: TRUE

2. A "shy" person talks a lot and loves meeting new people.

Answer: FALSE — A shy person feels nervous talking to new people.

3. "Intelligent" means good at learning and understanding things.

Answer: TRUE

4. Your "neighbour" is the person who works with you in your office.

Answer: FALSE — Your neighbour lives next to you. A colleague is someone you work with.

5. "Funny" means you make people laugh.

Answer: TRUE

6. "Confident" means you feel nervous and unsure about yourself.

Answer: FALSE — "Confident" means you feel sure and positive about yourself.

7. Your "family" includes people like your parents, brothers, and sisters.

Answer: TRUE

8. "Kind" means you do not care about other people.

Answer: FALSE — "Kind" means you are friendly, generous, and caring towards other people.

Exercise 3: Multiple Choice

1. She always smiles and feels positive. She is very ____.

Answer: happy

2. He is not tall. He is ____.

Answer: short

3. She does not talk much in class. She is very ____.

Answer: quiet

4. He makes everyone laugh. He is very ____.

Answer: funny

5. My ____ lives next to my house. She always says hello.

Answer: neighbour

6. She understands new things very quickly. She is very ____.

Answer: intelligent

7. He feels nervous meeting new people. He is ____.

Answer: shy

8. She is always helpful and caring. She is very ____.

Answer: kind

Exercise 4: Matching

1. kind → 1

Friendly, generous, and caring towards other people

2. intelligent → 2

Good at learning and understanding things quickly

3. shy → 3

Feeling nervous or uncomfortable talking to people you do not know

4. confident → 4

Feeling sure about yourself and your abilities

5. neighbour → 5

A person who lives next to you or near your home

6. colleague → 6

A person you work with

7. tall → 7

Having a greater than average height

8. friendly → 8

Behaving in a warm and pleasant way towards people

Exercise 5: Gap Fill

1. My sister is very ____ — she is one metre eighty.

Answer: tall

2. He is ____ with everyone. He always says hello and smiles.

Answer: friendly

3. She is ____ in class. She always answers the teacher's questions.

Answer: confident

4. My ____ helps me every day at work. She is very kind.

Answer: colleague

5. He has _____. It is brown and quite long.

Answer: curly hair

6. She is very _____. She always gets good marks in her exams.

Answer: intelligent

7. My brother is very _____. He always makes me laugh.

Answer: funny

8. The new student is _____. She does not talk much yet.

Answer: shy

Exercise 6: Word Sort

Appearance:

tall, short, young, long hair, curly hair, blue eyes

Personality:

kind, funny, shy, confident, intelligent, happy

People and relationships:

friend, family, colleague, neighbour

Exercise 7: Complete the Dialogue

1. Kim: Tell me about your new teacher. What does she look like? — She is very _____

Answer: tall

2. She has _____ — it is dark brown.

Answer: long hair

3. Sam: She is very _____ and always smiles.

Answer: friendly

4. And she is very _____ — she explains everything very clearly.

Answer: intelligent

5. She is also very _____. She tells funny stories in class.

Answer: funny

6. And she is so _____ — she is not nervous at all when she speaks.

Answer: confident