

Describing people

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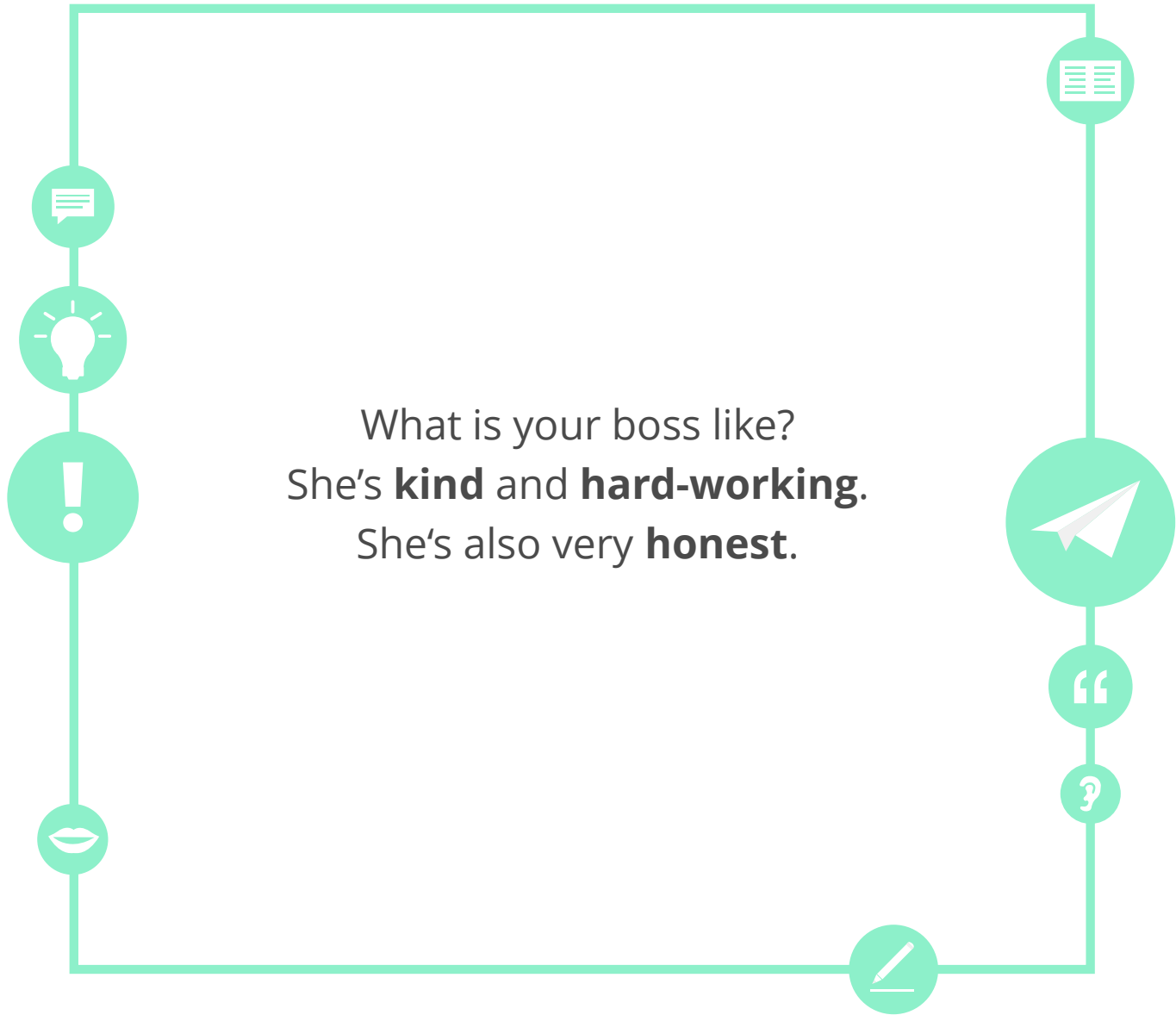


Goals

- Can talk about my colleagues at work.
- Can correctly use adjectives to describe a person's personality.



What is your boss like?
She's **kind** and **hard-working**.
She's also very **honest**.





Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to learn how to **describe your colleagues** at work. You will talk about their **looks** and their **personalities**.



She's got **dark hair** and **brown eyes**.



Vocabulary review

height

weight

hair

eyes

blonde

brown

dark

black





Vocabulary review

tall

short

medium height

blue

brown



green

slim

fair



Vocabulary review



How **tall** is she?

She's quite **tall**.



He's **tall** and **slim**.

She's quite **short**.

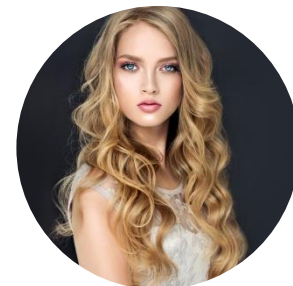




Vocabulary review



He has **black hair** and **brown eyes**.



She has **blonde hair** and **blue eyes**.



She's **slim** and she has **dark hair**.



She has **fair** hair.

straight

curly

There are two main types of hair: **straight** and **curly**.



She has **straight** hair.



She has **curly** hair.

beard

moustache

A **beard** and a **moustache** are types of **hair** on the **face**.
People might have one of them, or both of them.



He has a **beard** and a **moustache**.



He has a **moustache**.

suit

People often wear a **suit** if they work in an **office**.



She's wearing a **suit**.

shirt

tie

People often wear a **shirt** to work.
In a **formal** work place, people also wear a **tie**.



They are wearing **shirts** and **ties**.



Match the words to the pictures

1. shirt

2. tie

3. suit

4. curly hair

5. straight hair

6. beard

A



C



E



B



D



F





Match the people in the pictures to the descriptions

A



B



C



D



1. She has straight blonde hair and she's wearing a suit.
2. She has straight dark hair and she's wearing a shirt.
3. He has brown curly hair and a beard.
4. He has a beard and he's wearing a shirt and tie.



Speaking

Describe the people in the pictures.



shy

A **shy** person does not like to be at the centre of everyone's attention.



She is **shy**.

quiet

loud

A **quiet** person does not make a lot of noise.
A **loud** person makes a lot of noise.



She is **quiet**.



He is very **loud**.



New words

fair

She is always **fair**; she listens to everyone.

nice

She is very **nice**; she's always friendly and smiley.

naive

He is **naive**, he believes everything we tell him.

kind

He is very **kind** to his employees; he buys them coffee every morning.



New words

serious

A **serious** person does not laugh a lot or make jokes.



hard-working

A **hard-working** person works a lot.



lazy

A **lazy** person doesn't like working and works only a little.





Categorise

**Decide if the adjectives are good or bad characteristics.
Can any of them be both?**

shy

naïve

loud

kind

lazy

quiet

serious

nice

Good

Bad



Speaking

Answer the questions below with your classmates.



1

In which jobs do you think it's OK to be shy and quiet?

2

In which jobs is it important to be nice and kind?

3

Do you know anyone who is lazy at work? How about someone who is hard-working?



What do you think these people are like? Do you agree with your classmates?

A



B



C



D





Writing

Choose one of the people on the previous page and write about how they look and what you think their personality is like.

A blank sheet of lined paper with a spiral binding on the left side, intended for writing.



honest

dishonest

An **honest** person **tells the truth**.
A **dishonest** person tells **lies**.



He is an **honest** man.



John is **dishonest** sometimes.

mean

nasty

Mean and **nasty** are both **bad characteristics**. If you are **mean** and **nasty** you say or do **bad things** to other people.



They are **mean** and **nasty** to their colleagues.



New words

polite

It is **polite** to shake hands when you meet someone.



rude

It is **rude** to shout at your colleagues.



negative

She is a **negative** person.



positive

They are **positive** people.



to be good at

to be bad at

If you **are good at** something, you do it well.
If you **are bad at** something, you do not do it well.



He is an accountant so he **is good at** maths.



He is a lawyer so he **is bad at** maths.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the words below.

good at

rude

honest

mean

positive

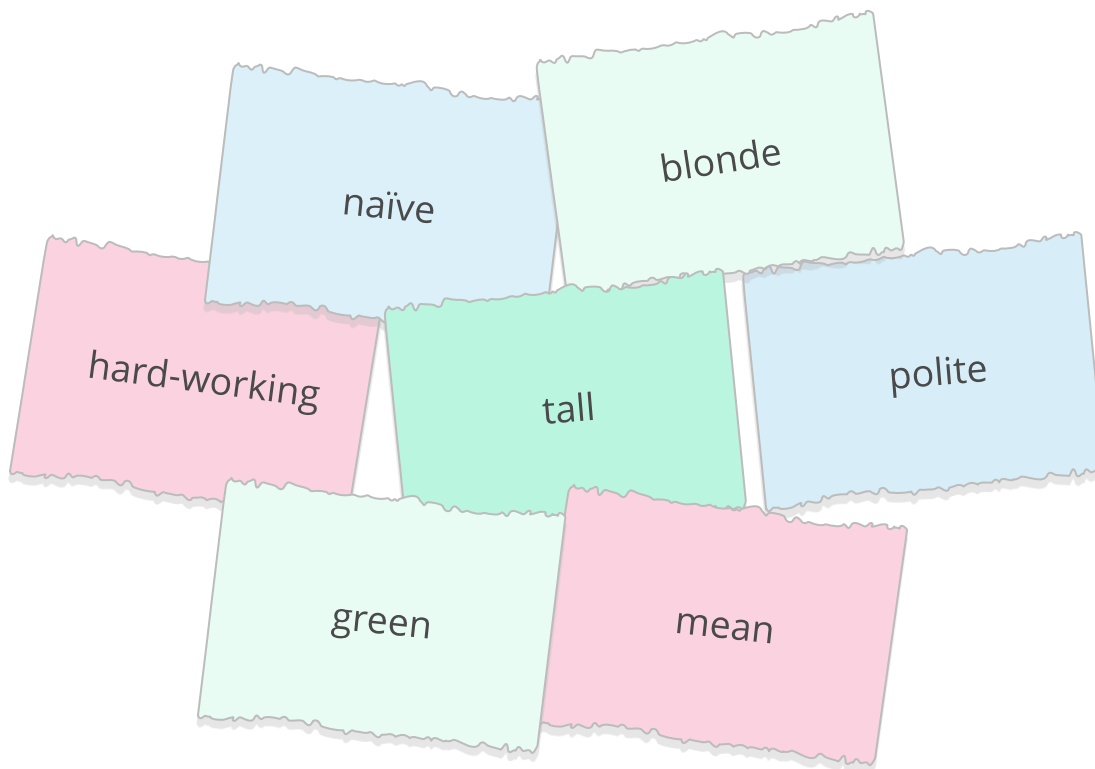
1. She always tells the truth; she is an _____ person.
2. It is _____ to shout at your colleagues.
3. _____ people say or do things that are not nice.
4. He is an architect so he is _____ drawing.
5. _____ people are usually happy and smiley.





Listening

Listen to your teacher describing one of their colleagues. Put the words below in the order that you hear them.





Listening

Listen again and fill in the gaps.

My colleague Alice is _____ and slim.
She has long, blonde, curly hair and
_____ eyes. She's very nice and
_____. She is polite to everyone and
she's never _____ to anyone. She's good
at French, so she talks to our clients in Paris. The
only bad thing is that she's a bit _____.





Speaking

**Talk to your classmates about one of your colleagues.
Make sure you talk about how they look and their personality.**





Writing

Now write about the colleague you were talking about on the previous page. Use the text on p. 30 as a model.

lazy

fair





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 13

1. F, 2. C, 3. D, 4. A, 5. E, 6. B

Exercise p. 14

A. 3, B. 1, C. 4, D. 2

Exercise p. 20

Students' own answers

Exercise p. 28

1. honest, 2. rude, 3. Mean, 4. good at, 5. Positive

Exercise p. 29

tall, blonde, green, hard-working, polite, mean, naïve

Exercise p. 30

tall, green, hard-working, mean, naïve



Transcription

Exercise p. 29 – 30

My colleague Alice is tall and slim. She has long, blonde, curly hair and green eyes. She's very nice and hard-working. She is polite to everyone and she's never mean to anyone. She's good at French, so she talks to our clients in Paris. The only bad thing is that she's a bit naïve.





Fill in the gaps

1. Jean has short _____ curly hair and blue eyes.
2. Marco has dark hair and _____ eyes.
3. Pierre hates working, he is very _____.
4. Greta does not like speaking to a lot of people because she is _____.
5. Camilla doesn't always tell the truth, sometimes she is _____.

shy

green

blonde

lazy

dishonest



Homework writing

Choose one of your colleagues and write a paragraph describing them. Talk about how they look and about their personality.

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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 38

1. blonde, 2. green, 3. lazy, 4. shy, 5. dishonest



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