

More words to describe people

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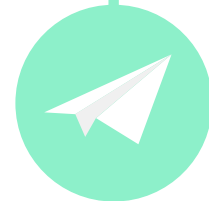


Goals

- Can describe my colleagues' physical appearance more accurately.
- Can correctly use adjectives to describe a person's personality in more detail.



My colleague Alicia is terrible!
She's **childish** and **immature**, and
she's very **unfriendly**. She's also
incompetent – I hate working with
her!





Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to learn how to **describe** your **colleagues at work** in **more detail**.



My boss Joan is very **friendly**.



New words

shoulder-length

She's got **shoulder-length** hair.



medium-length

Her hair is **medium-length**.



bald

He's got no hair so he is **bald**.



freckles

Freckles are **small brown dots** which we see on some people's **faces** when they spend time in the **sun**.



Kate's got **freckles**.

overweight

chubby

Overweight and **chubby** both mean that someone **weighs more** than they should.

Overweight is used for **adults** and is a **negative** term.
Chubby is often used for **children**, and is **quite positive**.



John's a bit **overweight**.



My son is **chubby**.



Talking about weight



It's **not polite** to talk about your **colleagues' weight** in English-speaking countries. The politest way is to use the word **overweight**. You **can** also call an **adult chubby**, but it is more often used for children.



He's a little **overweight**.



Match the text to the pictures

1. overweight

2. medium-length

3. chubby

4. shoulder-length

5. freckles

6. bald

A



C



E



B



D



F





Speaking

How would you describe these people?
Use words from the previous slides and the first lesson from this unit.





Writing

Choose one of the people on the previous page and write a description of what they look like.

bald

chubby



A notebook page with horizontal lines and circular icons, intended for writing a description.

immature

childish

Immature and *childish* mean that someone **acts like a child**, or acts young for their age. They are **negative** words.



Dave is so **childish**.

professional

incompetent

Someone who is **professional** is **good at their job** and is **careful**.
Someone who is **incompetent** is **bad at their job**.



Alice is very **professional** – she's always prepared and polite when she speaks to customers.



Jules is **incompetent** – she doesn't know what to do at work.

thoughtful

A *thoughtful* person **thinks** about **other people** and **does nice things** for them.



My colleagues are very **thoughtful** – they bought me a cake on my birthday.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the words below.

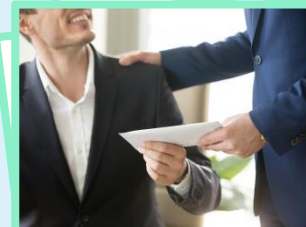
incompetent

immature

thoughtful

professional

1. Lee is very _____. He always buys people small gifts on their birthdays.
2. Adam is _____ - he laughs at stupid jokes.
3. Cleo is really _____. She is organised and polite to everyone.
4. Bethany does a lot of things wrong at work, she's very _____.





Speaking

**What do you think these two people are like?
Make some guesses about them.**





Speaking

Ask and answer the questions with your classmates.



1

Do you have any childish colleagues? What do they do?

2

Do you think you are professional at work?

3

Who is a thoughtful colleague in your office?

friendly

unfriendly

If someone is **friendly**, they are **nice** and **kind** to other people.
If someone is **unfriendly**, they are **rude** and **not nice** to other people.



My colleagues are really **friendly**.



Tina is **unfriendly**, she doesn't talk to anyone.

reliable

dependable

A person who is **reliable** or **dependable** is someone you can **trust**.
You know that they will **do their job well**.



John is very **reliable**, he always finishes his projects on time.

ambitious

An *ambitious* person wants to have a **good job** and a **good future**.



Bill is very **ambitious**.

easy-going

A person who is *easy-going* is **relaxed** and **calm**.



My colleagues are very *easy-going*.



Complete the sentences

Complete the sentences with a word from the previous pages.

1. Gina is very _____, she loves talking to people.
2. Colin is really _____, he's very relaxed and happy.
3. Magda always does her work well, she's _____.
4. Susan is _____ – she wants to be the boss one day.
5. Why is George so _____? He never says 'hello'.



Listen to your teacher talking about one of their colleagues.
Circle the words you hear.

ambitious

chubby

shoulder-length

bald

reliable

immature

thoughtful

easy-going

tall



Find the mistakes

Listen again and find the 5 mistakes in this text. Correct them.

Erica is a colleague of mine from our London office. She's tall and chubby and she has shoulder-length dark hair and blue eyes. She's got freckles in the summer.

She's very friendly and she's thoughtful. Sometimes she is a bit childish – she likes to joke with people – but usually she is incompetent. She's not reliable: if I need help, I always ask her. And, she's very ambitious. I think she will be my boss one day.





Imagine...

You have a new colleague joining your office. You need to describe one of your other colleagues to them in detail. Make notes about one of your colleagues here.





Role play

Now describe the colleague you chose to your new colleague (one of your classmates!).

Let your new colleague ask you some questions at the end.

William is tall and a bit overweight...



Is he easy-going?

Student A: You are describing your colleague

Student B: You are a new colleague. Ask any questions you have at the end.

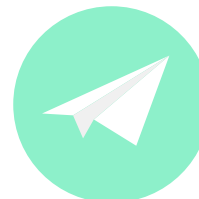


Reflect on the goals

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. 9

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

Exercise p. 15

1. thoughtful, 2. immature, 3. professional, 4. incompetent

Exercise p. 22

1. friendly, 2. easy-going, 3. reliable, 4. ambitious, 5. unfriendly

Exercise p. 23

ambitious, shoulder-length, reliable, easy-going, tall

Exercise p. 24

chubby=slim, blue=green, thoughtful=easy-going, incompetent=professional, not reliable=reliable



Transcription

Exercise p. 23-24

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She's very friendly and she's easy-going. Sometimes she is a bit childish – she likes to joke with people – but usually she is professional. She's reliable: if I need help, I always ask her. And, she's very ambitious. I think she will be my boss one day.





Positive

Negative

childish

incompetent

reliable

friendly

professional

immature

ambitious

dependable

unfriendly

thoughtful



Writing

Write a text about the colleague you talked about on p. 26.

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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 32

Positive: reliable, friendly, professional, ambitious, dependable, thoughtful.
Negative: childish, incompetent, immature, unfriendly.



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