**TOPIC 1 – DESCRIBE A PERSON**

**Intro:**

**Off the top of my head, the person I want to talk about is none other than** ….

**To describe a person’s age**

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| **Young child/ person** | - He/ She is a toddler/ baby/ infant/ small kid/ teenager  - He/ She is in his/ her (early/ late) teenage years.  **-** He/ She is … years of age.  - He/ She is now in kindergarten/ preschool/ primary. |
| **Adult** | - **He/ She is pushing** thirty/ forty/ fifty.  - He/ She is a twentysomething man/ woman  - He/ She is in his/ her (early/ late) mid 30s/ 40s  - He/ She has just turned … this week/ month |
| **Old people** | - He/ She is at my grandfather/ grandmother’s age  - **He/ She is quite aged but he/ she is still very young at heart**  - He/ She is … but looks very young for his/ her age. |

**To describe a person’s appearance**

He/ She has + (general feature) with + (specific feature) and + (specific feature) + …

Overall, he/ she is + (general adjectives) to me

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| **Skin Complexion**  Fair skin  Dark skin  Olive skin  Tanned skin | **Eyes**  Doe eyes  Deep-set eyes  Sparkling/ twinkling round eyes  Hooded eyes | **General Adjectives**  **Look just like your average Joe/ Jane**  Looks like an angel  Masculine  Adorable  Stunning  Mature  Aged |
| **Nose**  Straight nose  Upturned nose  Hooked nose  Button nose | **Face Shape**  Oval face  Square face  Round face | **Lips**  Full/ thick/ pouty lips  Red/ Rosy lips  Thin lips |
| **Hair**  Straight/ curly/ wavy hair  Salt-and-pepper hair/ grey hair | **Body – General features**  Slim/ thin body  Average build  Large/ athletic/stocky build  Hourglass figure | **Facial Marks**  Freckles  Fine/ deep/ facial wrinkles (around eyes)  Cute/ Adorable dimples |

**Examples:**

He has a round face with two sparkling round eyes and a button nose. Overall, he looks very adorable to me (a baby)

She has an hourglass figure with full thick lips and cute dimples when she smiles. Overall, she looks stunning to me. (adult)

He has tanned skin with fine wrinkles around his eyes and salt-and-pepper hair. Overall, he looks quite mature to me (old person)

**To describe a person’s hobbies**

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| **General** | He/ She is into …  He/ She has always had a passion for …  He/ She has always found … the most enjoyable/ very fascinating  He/ She is keen on …  He/ She is fond of …  He/ She takes a keen/ avid interest in … |
| **Specific** | He/ She is an avid reader/ a bookworm  He/ She is a football/ basketball/ soccer/ baseball enthusiast/ **fanatic (fan cuồng)**  He/ She is a music/ art lover  He/ She is a movie enthusiast  He/ She is a **techie**/ computer geek  He/ She has **a green thumb** |

General + **In fact, I have to say that,** Specific.

He has always had a passion for computer. **In fact, I have to say that** he is a techie/ computer geek. Explain

**To describe a person’s characteristics**

**Format**

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| **Characteristic**  He/ She is/ has  Explanation (Take straight from the dictionary)  What I’m trying to say is that…  What I mean is that ….  Story  For example, …  I remember .. |

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| **ADJECTIVES** | **CHARACTERISTICS** | **EXPLANATION** |
| Responsible | He has a great sense of responsibility | He takes on many tasks and roles but always finishes them on time |
| Knowledgeable | He has great knowledge about everything | He is not only good at Social subjects but also Science ones |
| Adventurous | He as a spirit of adventure | He enjoys being in new and exciting situations |
| Sensitive | He is a sensitive and caring man  He cares deeply about others | He is very thoughtful towards others’ feelings |
| Reliable | He is a man of his word | When he makes a promise, he sticks to it. |
| Sociable | He is a social butterfly  He is always full of energy | He finds it easy to make friends with everyone  He always knows how to make people around him feel happy and comfortable. |
| Energetic | He is always full of energy | He does everything with enthusiasm |
| Funny | He has a great sense of humor | He is good at telling jokes and he always makes every one around him happy. |
| Dedicated/ Committed | He always put his heart and soul into everything he does | He works really hard at …. and tries to achieve it at all costs |
| Charismatic | He has a charismatic personality | Everybody likes him a lot because …. |
| Creative | He always think out of the box | He always comes up with innovative ideas that none of us could think of. |
| Calm | He always remains cool, calm, and collected | He remains calm in very difficult situations and under pressure |
| Versatile | He is a jack of all trades | He is very skillful at anything he does. |
| Persistent | He is a go-getter | He is determined to succeed. He sets his goal and strive for it. |
| Punctual |  | He always wakes up early and arrives at work an hour before it starts |
| Obedient |  | He never talks back and he always follows instructions |
| Tactful |  | He is very careful when dealing with people. |
| Audacious |  | He is very daring and wiling to take risks |
| Sophisticated |  | He has a lot of experience of the world around him and he knows a lot about fashion and culture |

Example:

Characteristic: He has a spirit of adventure

Explanation: What I mean is that he enjoys being in new and exciting situations.

Story: For example, whenever there is a semester break, he always takes a trip to many new places across the world. But unlike most people, he never books a tour. He loves travelling only by himself and **sets his foot onto** undiscovered lands. Therefore, he knows a lot of things. So I really admire his knowledge.

**Describe someone in your family who you really admire**

You should say:

What relation this person is to you

What your first memories of this person are

How often you see this person

and explain why you really admire this person. (Traits)

**Describe a friend that you spend time with**

You should say:

How often you see the friend

What you do together

Where you go

and explain why you like him/ her

**Describe an interesting neighbor**

You should say:

Who this person is

How you know this person

What this person likes to do

and explain why you think this neighbor is interesting