

*Describing  
and  
talking about  
PEOPLE*

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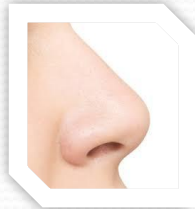
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# 1. Describing a face



eyes



nose



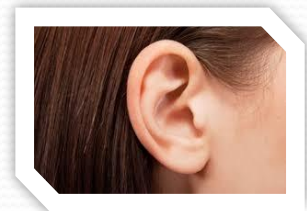
lips



cheeks



chin



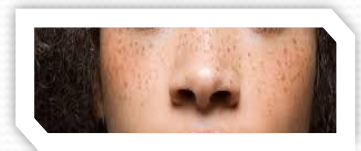
ear



forehead



eyebrows

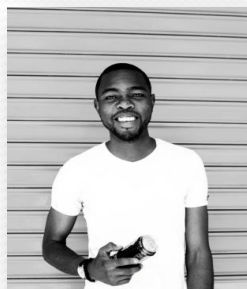


freckles

## 2. What about hairstyles?



Bald head



Crew cut



Dreadlocks



Sideburns



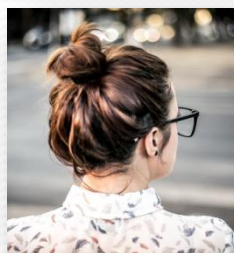
Plaits / Plait  
Braids / Braid (AmE)



Fringe



Bob



Bun



Cornrows



Ponytail



Pigtails

# 3. Clothing





# Winter clothes



anorak



quilted jacket



coat



fur



cardigan



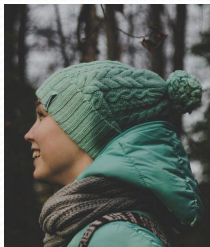
sweater/jumper/pullover



earmuffs



woollen hat



scarf



gloves



socks



# Summer clothes and accessories



## SANDALS

open shoe

## BIKINI

two-piece women's  
swimsuit

## SHORTS

short trousers

## POLO SHIRT

short-sleeved  
shirt with collar

## SWIMMING TRUNKS

men's swimsuit  
shorts

## SWIMMING COSTUME

woman's one-piece  
bathing outfit

## SUNGLASSES

tinted spectacles

## TOP

garment for  
upper body

## BLOUSE

woman's shirt

## FLIP-FLOPS

open shoe with a strap  
between two toes

## T-SHIRT

short-sleeved  
collarless top

## HAWAIIAN SHIRT

colorful patterned  
short-sleeved shirt

## STRAW HAT

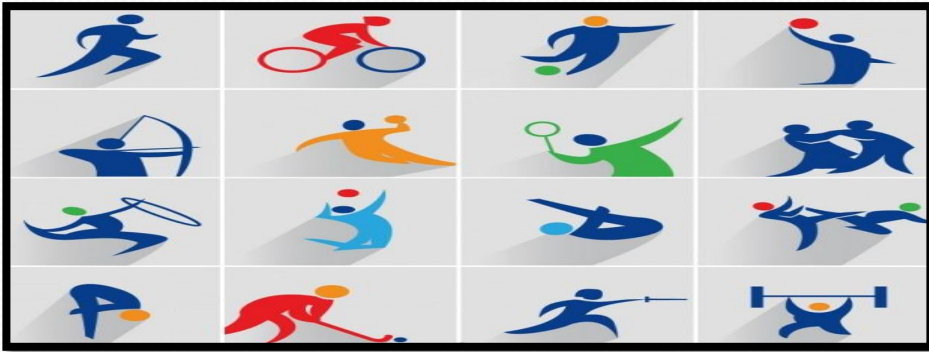
hat woven from  
dried stalks

## SINGLET

sleeveless garment  
also worn for sport



# Sportswear



Tracksuit    Leggings    Jogging suit

Swimsuit    Wet suit (for diving or surfing)

Ski suit    Sports uniform    kneepads

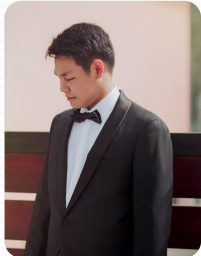
Sports footwear

trainers    sneakers (AmE)    football boots  
riding boots    ice skates

# Formal clothing



## Tuxedo



## Suit

A set of outer clothes made of the same fabric and designed to be worn together, typically consisting of a jacket and trousers or a jacket and skirt.

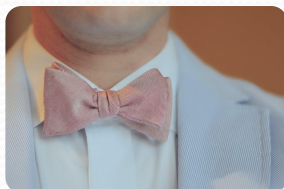
## Evening gown/ dress



## Waistcoat

A sleeveless piece of clothing with buttons which people usually wear over a shirt.

## Bow Tie



## Double breasted waistcoat/jacket

A waistcoat or jacket with overlapping front flaps and two symmetrical columns of buttons on its front.

# Accessories



**Brooch** (spilla)

**Braces** (bretelle)

**Necklace** (collana)

**Earrings** (orecchini)

**Handbag** (borsa)

**Headscarf** (foulard)

**Cufflinks** (gemelli)

**Bracelet** (braccialetto)

**Belt** (cintura)

**Tie** (cravatta)

**Purse** (borsetta)

**Hat** (cappello)

# Shoes



**Trainers**

**Moccasins**

**Boots**

**Wellington  
boots (or Wellingtons)**

**Football boots**

**Sandals**

**Stiletto**

**High-heeled  
shoes**

**Slippers**

**Flip flops**

## 4. Personality and...cartoons!





Let's have a look at some characters with positive traits...

## Alice in Wonderland



Alice is the protagonist of this story. She is a young and beautiful girl but she isn't only this. She is very **brave** and **curious** at the same time. She is also very **friendly**, in fact she becomes friend with a very **strange** man, the mad hatter. She is a **dreamer**, and she visits fantastic, illusory but wonderful places with her imagination.

Alice is very **smart** and **intelligent**. She is also **kind** with all the people she meets, in particular with the terrible Queen of Hearts. She is always **cheerful** and **polite**.

# Snow White



Snow White is the protagonist of the story. She is 14 years old. She is always **mild** and **loving** to everybody, also to her stepmother.

The girl is **sensitive**, **generous**, **caring** and **honest**. She is also **creative** and very **helpful** with the seven dwarfs for the housework.

# The seven dwarfs

The seven dwarfs aren't all positive and cute. We are describing the positive ones.



Doc is the first in the succession and he is the leader of the group. He is the most **reliable**, **hard-working** and **diligent** dwarf. He is **wise**, **sensible**, **intelligent** and **trustworthy**, so everybody relies on him.



The third one is Happy. He is always **joyful** and **funny**. He is very kind, **easy-going** and **extroverted**. He makes everyone happy.



The next dwarf is *Sleepy*. He always wants to sleep but he is **patient** and **even-tempered** too. He is **lazy** but cute and sometimes he is also helpful.



After there is *Sneezy*, who is very **funny** with his sneezes. He is **outgoing** and **good-humoured**. He can also be reliable and diligent.



Bashful is the sixth in the group. He is very cute, **shy** and **introverted**. He always feels **embarrassed**. In fact, he doesn't speak so much with Snow White, but he is also friendly sometimes.



The last one is Dopey. He is the smallest dwarf and he can't speak. He is very **touchy-feely**, sensitive and sometimes he has very brilliant ideas.



## Fiona from *Shrek*



Fiona is the female protagonist of the story. She renounces her beauty for her love, Shrek, who is an ogre, because she believes in inner beauty.

She is very **courageous** and **enterprising** and she looks beyond the appearances. This girl is also **gracious**, **tender** and very **sociable**. She is always **positive** and **self-confident**.

# And now some characters with negative features...

## The Queen of Hearts



How couldn't we recognize this **bad-tempered** and **quick-tempered** character?! She is the Queen of Hearts, but she seems like she hasn't got a heart! We find her in the famous film and cartoon called *Alice in Wonderland* and she is very **touchy**, so she gets offended very easily. She is also **stubborn**, **impatient**, **arrogant** and **fickle**. She is **grumpy** too: you should stay far away from her. We all know she's a queen, so she can tell you what to do every time she wants: she is very **bossy** and **dictatorial**!

# Homer



Homer, from the cartoon “The Simpsons”, is very *impulsive*, in fact he makes decisions without thinking about the consequences. He is also *irresponsible* and *unreliable* because he always messes tasks up! He doesn’t want to do anything: he’s so lazy! He is stubborn and *messy* too! Even though he’s so *silly* we all love this iconic character!

# Uncle Scrooge



Here is Uncle Scrooge! He's very famous in comics and Disney's cartoons! Somebody doesn't like him, because he's very **moody**. Even though he has a lot of money, he doesn't want to spend it, so he is very **stingy, mean** and **greedy**. He's also **envious** when somebody earns more than him! He's **selfish, unsociable** and **dishonest**, because he doesn't help poor people and he could do everything, even wrong things, to earn money!

# The ugly stepsisters



These are Cinderella's stepsisters. They appear in the cartoon called "Cinderella" that everyone has seen. They are *jealous* of the main character, because they are *ugly* and she is beautiful! They are very *spoiled* and *competitive* and they use Cinderella's money to buy everything they want! They have an *exuberant* attitude and they are always very *haughty* !



# Crudelia De Mon



Who doesn't know Cruelia De Mon?! She is an iconic woman from the cartoon called "The 101 Dalmatians". She's *pompous*, *vain* and very elegant. Sometimes she is *eccentric*, too. She is *bossy* and *despotic*, in fact she has two men under her control. She is very *cruel*, because she wants to make a coat with the skin of the dogs. She is also *aggressive*, so she is always ready to argue.

## Snow White's stepmother



This is the worst character in the cartoon called “Snow White” and she is known because she is Snow White’s *evil* stepmother and the queen. She is pompous and vain just like Cruelia. She is *jealous* of Snow White because she is the most beautiful girl in the entire kingdom! She is *insensitive*, *narcissistic* and totally *self-loving*. She is also very *wicked* because she tries to kill her stepdaughter.

# Grumpy



This is one of Snow White's seven dwarfs and you can easily guess why he is called in this way: he is so **grumpy** and he is always in a **bad mood**. He is also **idle**, **obsessive**, **impatient** and **intolerant**! Anyway, this is one of the most popular characters in Snow White and we all like him despite his faults!

# 5. Jobs



# School



headteacher (headmaster/headmistress)    principal (AmE)

dean (at university)    vice-principal

assistant headteacher    teacher    professor (at university)

counsellor    secretary    librarian    tutor

teaching assistant    caretaker



# Medicine



doctor nurse pediatrician oculist/ eye specialist

ear specialist surgeon cardiologist dermatologist

gastroenterologist neurologist obstetrician

dentist dietician plastic surgeon radiologist

rheumatologist psychiatrist family doctor

# Construction, Maintenance and Repair



carpenter

electrician

gardener

welder

glazier builder

engineer

goldsmith

jeweller

locksmith

decorator

mechanic

tailor

handyman / odd jobs man

technician

plumber

blacksmith (smith)

bricklayer

watchmaker

# Art and entertainment



## **Art**

artist  
painter  
sculptor

## **Literature**

writer  
novelist  
poet  
author  
publisher

## **Cinema**

film director  
producer  
actor/actress  
background actor  
body double  
art director  
cameraman

## **Theatre**

playwright  
dramatist  
scenarist  
player/actor  
dancer  
ballet dancer  
performer

## **Music**

composer  
conductor  
musician  
pianist  
violinist  
guitarist  
drummer  
player  
singer  
opera singer

# Business, banking and financial activities



## MANAGEMENT

President  
Chief executive officer  
Director  
General manager  
Production manager  
Personnel manager  
Marketing manager  
Supervisor  
Inspector

## BANKING AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Banker  
Bank officer  
Accountant  
Cashier  
Bank clerk  
Bookkeeper  
Treasurer  
Stockbroker  
Tax collector  
Financier  
Investor

# Science and technology

## SCIENCE

Scientist  
Chemist  
Physicist  
Researcher  
Mathematician  
Biologist  
Zoologist  
Archaeologist  
Geologist  
Naturalist  
Inventor  
Astronomer  
Economist  
Sociologist



## IT SPECIALISTS

Computer specialist  
Computer programmer  
Software specialist  
Systems analyst  
Web developer  
Web programmer  
Webmaster  
Web designer



# Other jobs

Architect

Barber

Barman

Bus driver

Chef

Detective

Estate Agent

Farmer

Fashion designer

Fireman/Firefighter

Fishmonger

Flight Attendant

Hairdresser

Hairstylist

Judge

Lawyer

Lifeguard

Model

Notary

Office worker

Pilot

Police Officer

Politician

Printer

Sailor

Specialist

Tailor

Taxi Driver

Travel Agent

# *I. Vocabulary List*

## **Negative adjectives of personality**

Bad-tempered  
Touchy  
Stubborn  
Impatient  
Fickle  
Grumpy  
Impulsive  
Irresponsible  
Idle/Lazy  
Messy  
Silly  
Moody  
Stingy/Mean  
Bossy/despotic/dictatorial  
Vain  
Pompous  
Intolerant  
Arrogant  
Wicked  
Narcissistic

## **Their opposites**

Good-tempered, affable  
Calm, easy-going  
Flexible  
Patient  
Steady, stable  
Pleasant  
Cautious, wise  
Responsible  
Hard-working  
Organized  
Clever  
Balanced  
Generous  
Submissive  
Humble  
Simple, modest  
Tolerant  
Modest  
Good  
Selfless, unselfish

## **Positive adjectives of personality**

Brave  
Cheerful  
Joyful  
Curious  
Cute  
Diligent  
Enterprising  
Even-tempered  
Extroverted/outgoing  
Friendly  
Funny  
Good-humoured  
Helpful  
Honest  
Kind  
Patient  
Polite  
Positive  
Reliable/Trustworthy  
Self-confident  
Sensible  
Touchy-feely/sensitive  
Wise

## **Their opposites**

Cowardly  
Miserable  
Sad  
Indifferent  
Ugly, hateful  
Inconstant  
Inactive, Unadventurous  
Irrational  
Introverted  
Unfriendly, unsociable  
Boring  
Depressed  
Unhelpful  
Dishonest  
Rude, unkind  
Impatient  
Impolite  
Negative  
Unreliable  
Shy  
Foolish, irrational  
Insensitive  
Unwise, unsound

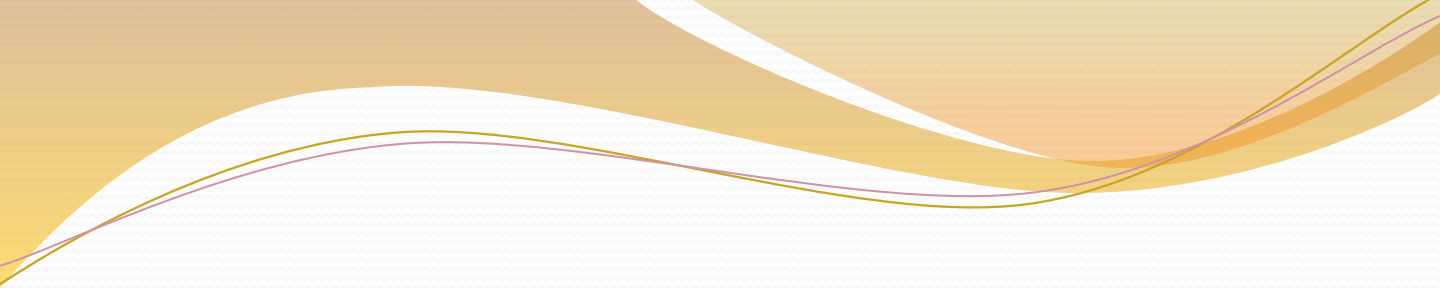
## *II. Notes of the authors...about themselves!*

**Alessandro** is a friendly, cheerful and honest person. Moreover, his friends think he is also generous, but sometimes he is very stubborn. He likes staying with his friends, playing the piano and also going fishing in summer. He can't draw very well.

**Annita** likes reading, writing and, in particular, she likes music. She is an extroverted and creative person but she is also impatient and sometimes impulsive.

**Arianna** is a cheerful girl. She likes swimming and hanging out with her friends. She also likes parties and going shopping with her sister. She has a lot of friends in different cities so she usually asks her parents to drive her there.

**Lola** isn't actually **Aurora**'s real name, but she prefers being called with that name. She is very extroverted and she likes writing, drawing and spending her free time with her friends and her family too.



**Cristina** is a cheerful and friendly girl. She likes practising sports, in particular dancing and running, but she can't swim very well. Her hobbies are playing the piano, cooking and playing with her dogs, which she loves very much.

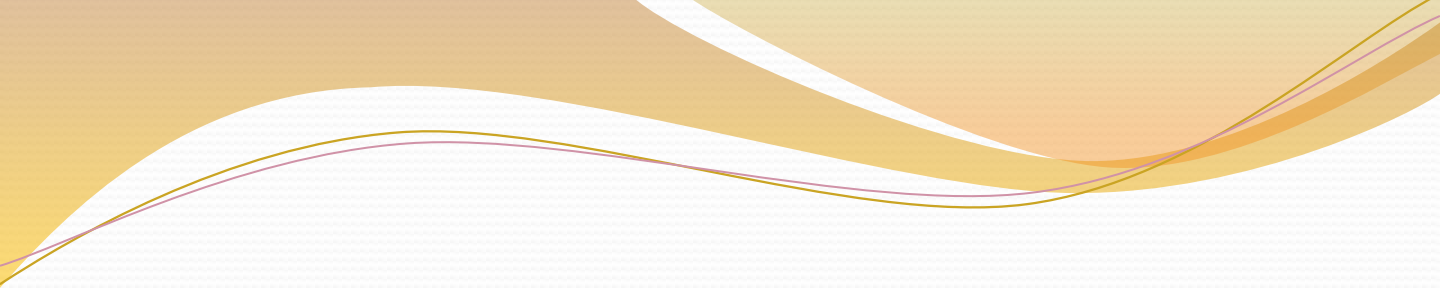
**Francesco** is good-humoured most of the times, but when he becomes angry he is bad-tempered and hot-headed. He is also anxious, but he is polite, modest and honest. He loves playing table tennis and football but he hates swimming.

**Giovanni** likes spending time with his classmates or friends, playing FIFA on his console with his brother and cooking with his parents. He's passionate about football, and he also likes playing basketball. He is very shy, a bit lazy, and impulsive. He's also a thinker and a dreamer. He wants to try new things that can change him.

**Giulio** is a creative, divergent, lazy, and just boy. He is also a sleepyhead. He likes comics, Anime (Japanese animation) and Japan in general.

**Karin** is friendly and nice. She doesn't practise any sports, but she loves swimming. In her free time she likes watching movies, reading books or playing the piano.





**Martina** is a friendly person who loves animals. She likes listening to music and visiting new places.

**Matilda** is a cheerful girl. She likes taking pictures, in particular of landscapes, and travelling all over the world.

**Michele** is cheerful, proud, and lazy, but he can also be hard-working when he has to. He likes sleeping and he hopes he is a good and honest friend. He isn't impulsive at all and he is very fond of loyalty. He also likes videogames.

**Russell** is nice, friendly, creative, outgoing, intelligent, honest, kind and cheerful. He likes reading fantasy books.

**Sara** is a funny and creative girl. She likes partying and drawing. She also likes watching Netflix and spending time with her friends.

**Ivana** is the authors' English teacher. She is proud of her students and she loves working with them. She thanks them for the efforts and enthusiasm they put in the project of this book.