

## Lesson 28 – Appearance test



### Exercise 1

Translate the following words and expressions

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## Exercise 2

### Match words with their definitions

1. (Especially of a man) rather fat and round
  2. [Tall](#) and [thin](#), and moves awkwardly
  3. Unattractively thin and bony
  4. Rather fat or of heavy build; used to describe men and women
  5. Having an untidy or dishevelled appearance
  6. Dark-complexioned
  7. [Skin](#) looks slightly [yellow](#) and [unhealthy](#)
  8. Looking exhausted and unwell, especially from fatigue, worry, or suffering
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- a) scrawny
  - b) swarthy
  - c) unkempt
  - d) haggard
  - e) portly
  - f) sallow
  - g) stout
  - h) lanky

## Describing physical appearance

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\*These words describe physical appearance. Add them to the table below.



### Exercise 3

#### Fill in the gaps

**stout**                    **swarthy**                    **portly**                    **haggard**  
**lanky**                    **unkempt**                    **scrawny**                    **sallow**

1. The bishop was a dignified, \_\_\_\_\_ man, with thinning white hair.
2. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ sixteen-year-old boy, always head and shoulders above his classmates.
3. She was small and \_\_\_\_\_ and her ribs stood out.
4. She was \_\_\_\_\_, middle-aged, and veiny in the cheeks and nose.
5. She stood in the middle of the devastation, breathing heavily, hair \_\_\_\_\_ and gown ruffled and mussed.
6. Those two \_\_\_\_\_ fellows you can't tell apart are Ajab and Gurdeep from the United Arab Emirates.
7. Her face was a \_\_\_\_\_ pale color, her eyes wide and wild with pain and fear.
8. She was so tired and \_\_\_\_\_ looking, it hurt him to see her that way.



#### Exercise 4

#### Choose the correct answer

1. The younger girl \_\_\_\_\_ into the mirror, testing the effect of the makeup.
  - a) scowled
  - b) pouted
  - c) leered
2. A sharp pain scored the back of his throat, and he swallowed with a small \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) grimace
  - b) snarl
  - b) scowl
3. She stood off to the side of the room, only barely managing to hide her \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) leer
  - b) hurt
  - c) scowl

4. A group of men were standing on the balcony, \_\_\_\_\_ at girls and making inappropriate comments.
- a) leering
  - b) scowling
  - c) grimacing
5. Carl looked at the man in the corner for a second before \_\_\_\_\_ and getting up and walking away in the opposite direction.
- a) folding his arms
  - b) tapping his fingers
  - c) shrugging his shoulders
6. No, but when she made me clean the whole house I just \_\_\_\_\_ and sat on the couch.
- a) clenched my fists
  - b) folded my arms
  - c) tapped my fingers
7. Parents must keep their children away from unsterile food and prevent such habits as \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) tapping their fingers
  - b) scowling
  - c) biting their nails
8. You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ – you have a handkerchief.
- a) pick your nose
  - b) bite your nails
  - c) tap your fingers
9. His face twisted into furry and his hands \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) folded
  - b) clenched into tight fists
  - c) tapped
10. Be patient! Stop \_\_\_\_\_! The sound is driving me crazy!
- a) biting your nails
  - b) picking your nose
  - c) tapping your fingers
11. Michael could feel the mental \_\_\_\_\_ from his counterpart as he didn't like Michael's idea.
- a) pout

- b) leer
- c) shrug

12. Keo frowned and moved towards her, but she \_\_\_\_\_ and backed up, keeping out of his reach.

- a) smiled
- b) scowled
- c) spoke

13. The man allowed him to turn around and looked him up and down, taking in the rumpled clothes and \_\_\_\_\_ hair.

- a) scruffy
- b) sallow
- c) unkempt

14. She is \_\_\_\_\_, pale, and her hair is matted with blood.

- a) haggard
- b) scruffy
- c) swarthy

### Exercise 5

List the words below which describe people's physical appearance under the following headings

<b>HEIGHT</b>	<b>BUILD</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>COMPLEXION</b>
<b>FACE</b>	<b>HAIR</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>NOSE</b>
<b>LIPS</b>	<b>SPECIAL FEATURES</b>		

Straight, almond-shaped, shoulder-length, square, wavy, well-built, dimples, middle-aged, scar, curly, muscular, mole, tall, round, crooked, permed, limp, slanting, teenage, full, tanned, spots, blond, tattoo, freckled, pale, high cheekbones, skinny, wrinkled, hooked

## Exercise 6

Answer these questions. Use a dictionary if necessary.

- 1 The verb *to pout* had two meanings on the opposite page. What were they?
- 2 If someone scowls at you, how are they probably feeling?
- 3 What is the difference between a *swarthy* complexion and a *sallow* complexion?
- 4 What do we mean when we talk about someone's *gait*?  
a) their way of looking      b) their way of walking      c) their way of talking
- 5 Give two reasons why someone might scratch their head.
- 6 Why might someone raise their eyebrows?
- 7 When would you clench your fists?
- 8 When do people normally shrug their shoulders?
- 9 What might you do with your fingers if you were nervous or impatient?
- 10 In what situations do you (a) fold your arms (b) cross your legs?