

EPISODE 85
LEVEL B2

READING COMPREHENSION



APPEARANCE

My father has a round face, with **chubby** (= fat in a pleasant way) cheeks and a **droopy** (= long and hanging down heavily) moustache. My mother has a more pointed face and a straight nose. My younger sister is more like my father. She has an oval face and an **upturned nose** (= facing upwards). My older sister is like a model. She has a slim figure and a slender waist. She has a lovely complexion and beautiful **sleek** (= smooth and shiny) shoulder-length hair and she is always **immaculately groomed** (= always looking tidy). I feel so ordinary next to her. I've got **coarse** (= rough, not smooth) hair and rather broad hips.



EXERCISE 1

Devide the words describing appearance into the categories below:

Beard plump dark-skinned parting wiry crow's feet stout shapely

Moustache fair complexion wrinkles freckles bushy double chin

Chubby cleft-chin obese dimples wavy skinny a scar a mole

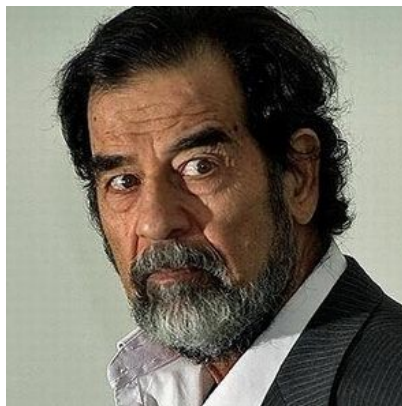
Curly overweight slender a crew cut messy-looking bald

Lanky curvy straight stubble receding

face	hair	skin	build	looks

EXERCISE 2

Using all the new words try to describe people in the following pictures:





ENGLISH IN USE



In English articles are really important. We have to remember a few rules:

1. When we introduce new information or mention sth for the first time: a / an ,
2. When we refer to sth which has already been mentioned or if the context of the conversation makes it clear for everyone: the
3. When we refer to sth when it's the only one in the context: the
4. When we talk about things in general: a / an (with sing C nouns) or --- (with U or pl nouns):

EXERCISE 3

Fill in the articles: a, an, the or -.

1. When did you last get ___ email with _____ photo attachment? Who or what was _____ photo of?
2. What's _____ worst thing about being in _____ hospital?
3. Would you prefer to go on holiday to _____ Australia or _____ USA?
4. What was _____ most expensive restaurant you've ever been to?
5. Which do you like best: _____ Italian food or _____ Chinese food?
6. Is anyone in your family _____ doctor, _____ lawyer, or _____ architect?

IDIOM CLOSE-UP



Be a tiny tot = a small child

To pour your heart out = to tell sb all your problems or feelings

PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP



EXERCISE 3



He bears **a striking resemblance to** his father = looks remarkably alike

The lady has a very **striking appearance** = unusual appearance

There is **a striking contrast** between what he does and what he says = a huge contrast

The most **striking example** of the dangers is the violence = easily noticed



NEWS

“You all know lanky people. They may be friends, family, neighbors, even lovers. But are you truly **adept** at living with these **goofy, lumbering** beings that inhabit our communities?

Let me be clear, I’m talking about actual lankiness. Not *Snatch*-era, degs-loving Brad Pitt, who is thin, but could still beat up someone with 150lbs on him. No, I’m talking about the all-angles-and-straight-lines, **limbs**-going-everywhere, might-disappear-if-they-turn-sideways kind of lankiness.

Lankiness calls to mind certain types of **attributes**. To be lanky you must have some slight inclination towards physical coordination. Without the very minimum of consciousness of where you’re placing your limbs and why, you’d simply be considered **gangly** — a human, non-green, real-life Gumby. This is not to say that we lanky people have any sort of inherent sense of physical grace.”

Adept = skilled

Goofy = a little silly

Lumber = move slowly and awkwardly

Limbs = parts of the body (like arms and legs)

Attributes = a feature of sth that especially one that is central to its nature

Gangly = tall, thin and awkward

KEY TO EXERCISES

Ex. 1

face	hair	skin	build	looks
Beard	Parting	Dark-skinned	Plump	Messy -looking
Crow’s feet	Bushy		Wiry	
Moustache	Wavy		Stout	
Fair complexion	Curly		Shapely	

Wrinkles	A crew cut		Obese	
Freckles	Straight		Skinny	
Double chin	Bald		Lanky	
Chubby	receding			
Cleft-chin				
Dimples				
A scar				
A mole				
stubble				

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