

Lecture Six: Describing People and Places (Adjectives)

By the end of this lecture, students will be able to:

- use basic adjectives to describe people's appearance and character.
- describe common places.

➤ Describing People

1-Appearance

***Beauty:** handsome – pretty - gorgeous – attractive – good-looking – beautiful – nice.....

***Size:** tall - small - Medium height - average - fat -....

***Hair:** dark - black -brown -blond (blonde) - fair - straight – wavy - curly

2-Character: positive (≠ negative) - reliable (≠ unreliable) - confident (≠ shy) – hard-working (≠ lazy) - patient (≠ impatient) - generous (≠mean) – honest (≠ dishonest) - clever, intelligent (≠ stupid) – calm (≠ nervous, anxious).

➤ Describing Place

- Large –wide- round – big – warm – cold

Task 1: Complete the sentences.

- 1 She's got straight*hair*.....
- 2 Isabella is very good.....
- 3 Beata's got blonde.....
- 4 Her brother's got very broad.....
- 5 That's a nice suit: Jack's very.....
- 6 I would say he was medium today. .
- 7 Charlotte's hair is fair but her brother's is quite.....

Task 2: Find five pairs of opposites and put them into the correct columns.

Nice - mean - sensible - lazy - calm - generous - unpleasant - hard-working – silly- nervous

positive	negative
<i>nice</i>	

Task 3: Underline all the adjectives in this description of a hotel.

This comfortable hotel with its pleasant gardens is ideal for people who want a quiet holiday, yet it is only a short distance from the highly popular attractions of the area. There are lovely views from every room. The atmosphere is very friendly, and the staff are always helpful. A holiday here is very good value for money. You can eat your meals at the hotel, where the food tastes marvellous. Or you can of course try some of the excellent local restaurants.

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