



### Family Portraits: Descriptive Language Activity

#### Learning Objectives

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- Practice and master descriptive vocabulary for physical appearances
- Develop confidence in describing family members in English
- Build sentence structure skills using adjectives correctly
- Enhance speaking and listening skills through partner activities

#### Warm-Up Activity (10 minutes)

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Look at these common adjectives and practice pronouncing them with your partner:

Physical Appearance	Personality Traits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tall/short</li><li>• blonde/brunette</li><li>• young/old</li><li>• slim/heavy</li><li>• fair/dark</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• friendly/shy</li><li>• quiet/talkative</li><li>• serious/funny</li><li>• patient/impatient</li><li>• kind/strict</li></ul>

#### Vocabulary Practice (15 minutes)

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Match each word with its correct meaning. Write the letter in the space provided:

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| 1. tall _____     | a) having fair or golden-colored hair |
| 2. short _____    | b) speaking little, not loud          |
| 3. blonde _____   | c) above average height               |
| 4. quiet _____    | d) below average height               |
| 5. friendly _____ | e) showing kindness to others         |
| 6. young _____    | f) having lived for many years        |
| 7. old _____      | g) having lived for few years         |

8. slim \_\_\_\_\_

h) thin, not heavy

## Photo Description Practice (20 minutes)

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Look at the spaces below and write complete sentences describing your family members:

**Example:** My mother is tall and has blonde hair. She is very friendly and always smiling.

1. Describe your mother or father:

2. Describe your sibling or cousin:

3. Describe your grandparent:

## Sentence Building (15 minutes)

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Create complete sentences using the word combinations below:

Person	Physical	Personality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sister</li><li>• brother</li><li>• aunt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tall/short</li><li>• blonde/dark</li><li>• young/old</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• friendly</li><li>• quiet</li><li>• funny</li></ul>

Write your sentences here:



## Error Correction Exercise (15 minutes)

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Find and correct the mistakes in these family descriptions:

1. "My sister have blonde hair."

2. "He very tall and friendly."

3. "She hair is brown."

4. "They is short and young."

5. "My brother wear glasses."

## Speaking Practice (20 minutes)

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Work with a partner. Take turns describing your family members using these prompts:

### Discussion Questions:

1. Who is the tallest person in your family?
2. Who has the same color hair as you?
3. Who is the most talkative person?
4. Who is the most serious person?
5. Who do you look most similar to?

### Notes from your discussion:

## Writing Workshop (25 minutes)

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Create a detailed family portrait description using the template below:

**Opening:** Introduce your family members

**Physical Descriptions:** Describe how they look

**Personality Traits:** Describe their characters

**Special Features:** Mention unique characteristics

**Conclusion:** Sum up your family description

## Advanced Vocabulary Extension

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Category	Advanced Words	Example Usage
Hair	wavy, curly, straight, frizzy	"My sister has wavy auburn hair."
Face	oval, round, angular, heart-shaped	"He has an angular face with high cheekbones."
Build	athletic, petite, stocky, slender	"My brother has an athletic build."



## Creative Writing Exercise (30 minutes)

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Write a story about a family gathering using descriptive language:

### Setting the Scene:

- What was the occasion?
- Who was present?
- Where did it take place?

### Your Story:

### Remember to include:

- At least 5 physical descriptions
- At least 3 personality descriptions
- Time expressions (first, then, after that)
- Emotion words (happy, excited, nervous)





## Grammar Focus: Comparative Descriptions

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Practice comparing family members using comparative and superlative forms:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
tall	taller than	the tallest
friendly	friendlier than	the friendliest
good	better than	the best

**Practice:** Complete these sentences about your family:

1. My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ than my sister.
2. My mother is the \_\_\_\_\_ person in our family.
3. I am \_\_\_\_\_ than my cousin.
4. My grandfather is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all.



## Final Project: Family Tree Presentation

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Create a family tree with descriptions for each member:

### Required Elements:

- Include at least 6 family members
- Write 2-3 sentences about each person
- Use both physical and personality descriptions
- Include at least one comparison for each person

### Template for Each Family Member:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical description: \_\_\_\_\_

Personality traits: \_\_\_\_\_

Comparison: \_\_\_\_\_

## Assessment Criteria

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Criteria	Points
Accurate use of descriptive vocabulary	20
Correct grammar and sentence structure	20
Variety of descriptions used	20
Presentation clarity	20
Completion of all elements	20



## Homework Assignment

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For homework, please complete the following tasks:

1. Draw a family portrait and label each person with 3 descriptive words
2. Write 5 complete sentences about your family members using the vocabulary we learned
3. Practice saying these descriptions aloud to someone at home

## Self-Assessment

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Rate your understanding of today's lesson:

Skill	😊 Good	😐 OK	😞 Need Help
Using descriptive vocabulary			
Making complete sentences			
Speaking practice			

