



ENGS 1001

English Language Skills-1

Lecture #1

Unit 1

Vocabulary

✓ Adjectives

Descriptive Adjectives

✓ Collocations

Reading

✓ Topic & Main idea



Adjectives

- **An adjective is a word used in a sentence to modify a noun or a pronoun.**
- **Adjectives are important because they add extra details to the sentence by describing the noun.**

● Descriptive Adjectives

As you can tell by the name, **Descriptive** adjectives describe nouns & pronouns in a sentence .
Providing further information about them.
Most adjectives are descriptive .

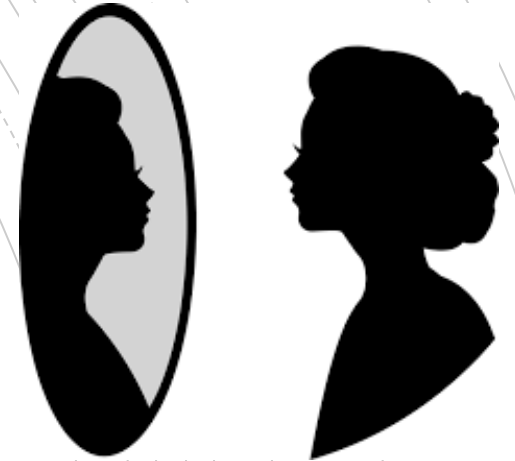
Example

- Tom is **tall**.
- He is my **big** brother.
- The children are **noisy**.
- Sally is **smart**

Descriptive Adjectives:

1 Adjectives for **appearance**

2 Adjectives for **personality**



Adjectives for appearance

Face

Round

Oval

Square

Thin

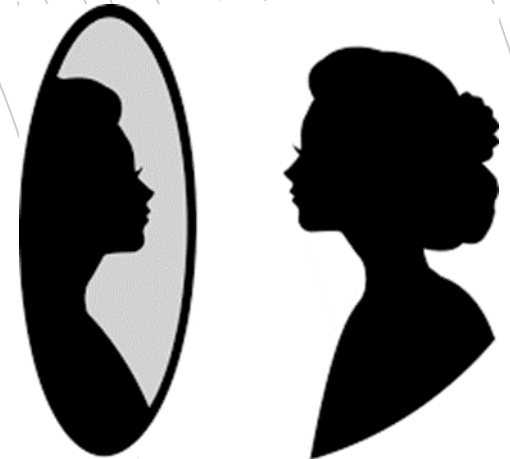
Hair

Long/ Short

Straight

Curly

Black/blond/red



Adjectives for personality

Kind

Funny

Positive

Friendly

Mean

Serious

Negative

Shy



Exercise



Think of other words that describe people.



Answer Reading Book: Page 8

Collocations

- **What is a collocation?**
A collocation is two or more words that often go together. These combinations just sound "right" to native English speakers, who use them all the time.
- **Why learn collocations?**
 - Your language will be more natural and easily understood.
 - You will have alternative and richer ways of expressing yourself.

Collocation Forms:

Verb + Noun

Read **books**

Watch **movies**

Ride a **bike**

Verb + Preposition + Noun

Live **in** Riyadh

Belong **to** a club

Be good **at** sports

Exercise

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Answer Listening Book :8

Reading : Topic & Main ideas

Topic

-What is the reading passage about?

The subject (in general)

-It is simple

-A word or a phrase

Main Idea

The main idea is a complete sentence; it includes the topic and what the author wants to say about it.

- **Read the following . Do you notice any words being repeated?**
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Topic: **Music**

What is the author telling us about music?

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Main Idea: **Music can be an effective study tool**

Answer Reading Book:8-9



question

End of First Lecture