

# Aptis Vocabulary: Describing People Wordlist and Examples (B2)



Words/Collocations	Meaning	Example/Collocation
<b>Adjectives for personality</b>		
adventurous (adj)		They always go there - they're not <b>adventurous</b> .
affectionate (adj)		I wish my boyfriend was more <b>affectionate</b> .
ambitious (adj)		She was <b>ambitious</b> about her future.
bad-tempered (adj)		Unfortunately he's very <b>bad-tempered</b> today.
bossy (adj)		She was so <b>bossy</b> that I couldn't work for her any more.
brave (adj)		He was very <b>brave</b> when the dog bit him.
caring (adj)		The nurses were very <b>caring</b> when my grandma was ill.
cheerful (adj)		She's such a <b>cheerful</b> child, always so happy.
clever (adj)		He <b>tries hard</b> , but he's not very <b>clever</b> .
clumsy (adj)		Try not to be so <b>clumsy</b> all the time!
confident (adj)		She's <b>confident</b> , even with people she's never met.
creative (adj)		I think you need to be more <b>creative</b> for that job.
decisive (adj)		He's very <b>decisive</b> at work but not at home.
dull (adj)		I don't want to have dinner with those <b>dull</b> neighbours again.
easy-going (adj)		She's very <b>easy-going</b> once you know her.
energetic (adj)		You're too <b>energetic</b> first thing on a Monday morning!
enthusiastic (adj)		He was very <b>enthusiastic</b> about the plans.
fair (adj)		It was a <b>fair decision</b> .
fussy (adj)		My cousin's very <b>fussy</b> about the clothes she wears.
generous (adj)		It was very <b>generous</b> of you to donate to our charity.
hard-working (adj)		If you're <b>hard-working</b> , you'll enjoy the job.
honest (adj)		She was very <b>honest</b> and told him about the other boy.
intelligent (adj)		There are some very <b>intelligent</b> students in my class.
kind (adj)		He was very <b>kind</b> and helped me with my computer.
lazy (adj)		There's no time to be <b>lazy</b> .
lively (adj)		She's very <b>lively</b> at parties.
loyal (adj)		Experts say that dogs are more <b>loyal</b> than people.
mature (adj)		He's very <b>mature</b> for his age.
mean (adj)		He won't pay for it - he's too <b>mean</b> .
moody (adj)		Don't be so <b>moody</b> !

nervous (adj)		I'm always <b>nervous</b> before an exam.
outgoing (adj)		It's more difficult to make friends if you're not very <b>outgoing</b> .
patient (adj)		I'm nearly ready - please be <b>patient</b> !
polite (adj)		Her children were always so <b>polite</b> .
practical (adj)		Please try to be <b>practical</b> about this.
reliable (adj)		We must find someone <b>reliable</b> .
reserved (adj)		He was very <b>reserved</b> at first, but he started chatting later on.
responsible (adj)		People say that teenagers can't be <b>responsible</b> , but they can.
rude (adj)		It was very <b>rude</b> of you not to speak to them.
selfish (adj)		She's so <b>selfish</b> : she only ever thinks about herself.
sensible (adj)		He's allowed out late because we know that he's <b>sensible</b> .
sensitive (adj)		You shouldn't be so <b>sensitive</b> - he's only a boy!
shy (adj)		He was too <b>shy</b> to ask her to go out with him.
sincere (adj)		She was very <b>sincere</b> when she apologised.
sociable (adj)		The other families on holiday were very <b>sociable</b> with us.
stubborn (adj)		You are so <b>stubborn</b> at times!
sympathetic (adj)		She was very <b>sympathetic</b> when I was ill before the exam.
tolerant (adj)		We should be more <b>tolerant</b> of other <b>people</b> .

### Adjectives for hair

curly (adj)		I hated having <b>curly hair</b> when I was little.
dyed (adj)		Is that hair <b>dyed</b> or natural?
flowing (adj)		I wish I had long <b>flowing hair</b> .
shoulder-length (adj)		She looks much nicer with <b>shoulder-length hair</b> .
spiky (adj)		Her <b>spiky</b> green <b>hair</b> looked like grass.
straight (adj)		His <b>hair</b> has always been <b>straight</b> .
thinning (adj)		He always used to cover his <b>thinning hair</b> with a hat.
untidy (adj)		My hair gets so <b>untidy</b> in the wind.
wavy (adj)		She had thick <b>wavy hair</b> .
be bald (v)		He's completely <b>bald</b> now.
balding (adj)		My dad's hair was <b>balding</b> when he was only 19.
have a beard/moustache(v)		He's never <b>had a beard</b> .

## Adjectives for eyes

almond-shaped (adj)	
hazel (adj)	
piercing (adj)	
sparkling (adj)	

His eyes are always described as **almond-shaped**.

**Hazel** eyes are pale brown.

He looked at me with those **piercing** blue eyes.

Her **sparkling** eyes attracted a lot of attention.

## Adjectives for faces

expressive (adj)	
freckled (adj)	
round (adj)	
tanned (adj)	
thin (adj)	
wrinkled (adj)	

That child has a very **expressive** face.

His face was **freckled** when he was a boy.

There was a wide smile on his **round** face.

My **face** was **tanned** after I had been skiing.

Her face looks very **thin** with that **haircut**.

His **face** was **wrinkled** with age.

## Adjectives for build

fat (adj)	
overweight (adj)	
plump (adj)	
skinny (adj)	
slim (adj)	
thin (adj)	
stocky (adj)	
well-built (adj)	

I used to be **fat**.

You're a little **overweight** but you don't need to worry.

She was a **plump** little girl.

He looked at his **skinny** body in the mirror.

I want to be **slim** in time for my wedding.

He was so **thin** when I last saw him.

He's **stocky** and not very tall.

Rugby players are usually **well-built**.

## Adjectives for complexion

dark (adj)	
healthy (adj)	
pale (adj)	
smooth (adj)	
spotty (adj)	

He had a **dark** complexion.

Fresh air gives you a **healthy** look.

She looked so **pale** that I thought she was ill.

We guarantee a **smooth** complexion with this cream.

He hated having a **spotty** face.