

Describing People

To describe a person or people well, you will need to use your powers of observation to record these details.

- Physical features -height, looks, body shape, stature,
- Clothing,
- Posture,
- Speech, (if relevant)
- Mannerisms,
- Their job,
- How they affect other people.

Each of these headings could be the basis for a paragraph, but remember that you are not simply producing a 'Wanted' poster. You will need to make your description come to life and probably the best way to do this is to select those aspects of appearance and personality which are unusual and interesting and develop these more fully in your writing.

Attempt these exercises, using a variety of starting points; i.e. paragraph 1 could be a physical or facial description or an aspect of the person's behaviour.

Describe one of the following people:

- Yourself,
- Your favourite TV personality,
- Someone you look up to,
- Choose anyone else.