

B2.4 Descriptions

You can learn:

- How to describe clothes and people's appearances.
- How to describe physical objects.

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Discuss these questions about clothes and fashion with your partner. Try to answer as fully as possible.

- How much do you spend on clothes/shoes? Too much?
- Do you like shopping for new clothes? Why/why not?
- Do you try to follow fashion? Why/why not?
- Is 'fashion' the same as 'style'? Why/why not?
- Do you admire the way any famous people dress?
- Do you wear any jewellery? Do you have pierced ears?
- What do you think of tattoos? Would you get one done?
- What colour suits you best? Is there one you hate?
- Do you have a favourite shop, or place, to buy clothes?
- Do children wear school uniforms in your country?
- Did you wear a uniform at school? Did you like it?
- Or, have you worn one at work? Would you?
- When was the last time you got really dressed up? Why?
- Have you ever worn fancy dress for a party?
- Is there a national costume in your country? Describe it.
- What clothes do you wear when it is very hot/cold/wet?

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Describe the people in these pictures as fully as possible, using the language in the box.



Useful Language

striped (adj.)

shaved (adj.)

crossed (adj.)

sunglasses (pl.n.)

trainers (pl.n.)

sandals (pl.n.)

cardigan (C. n.)

parasol (C. n.)

make-up (UC. n.)

bald (adj.)

wig (C.n.)

(hair) extensions (pl.n.)

spiky (adj.)

'on the left'

'on the right'

'in the middle'

'at the back'

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3 Describe each of the people and see if your partner can tell you which you are describing.



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4 Can you recognise which objects are being described in the box below? To help you, there are also pictures of these every day objects (but they are obscured, so you are not helped much!).

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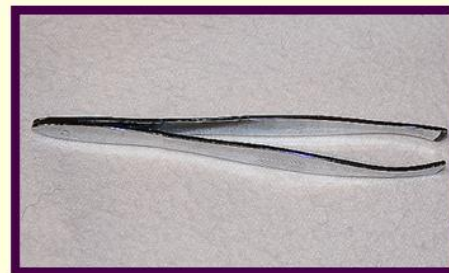
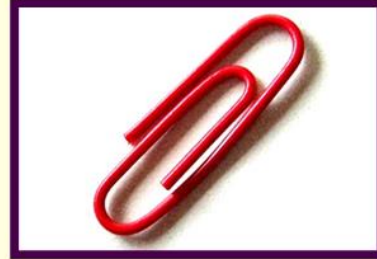
Describing Objects

1. It is made of china and it is for containing liquids, usually hot liquids. It has a handle as it is often carried around and it is for drinking out of.
2. This is useful when you want to make holes in sheets of paper to make them easier to carry around and store in a file.
3. This kind of object is becoming less common these days because the activity it is designed to accompany is now banned in many places. It is usually round and contains the waste products of the activity, which has been banned for health reasons.
4. You use this object when you want to change what you are viewing, from a distance, by pressing a button.
5. This is a very soft colourful substance which is kept in a cylindrical tube. Only women use it (usually) and they need to be looking in a mirror to apply it correctly.



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5 Describe each of these objects to your partner without saying what it used for. Your partner must say which one is being described.



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It is made of metal and the metal is covered in plastic...

6  Imagine that this picture on the right is on a postcard you are writing to a friend. Write the postcard, describing the place in as much detail as possible.



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The cherry blossom is out...

