Writing: Describing a Person

This lesson helps students learn how to write a descriptive paragraph about a person. It includes steps, useful vocabulary, a model, and exercises with correction.

1. Steps to Describe a Person

• Introduction: Who is the person? (a friend, a teacher, a famous person...)
• Physical appearance: What does he/she look like?
• Personality: What kind of person is he/she?
• Conclusion: Why is this person important to you?

2. Useful Table

Category	Useful Words / Expressions	Example Sentence
Height (الطول)	*tall, short, medium height*	He is tall and slim.
Build / Size (الحجم)	*slim, thin, well-built, chubby, overweight*	She is slim and elegant.
Face (الوجه)	*round face, oval face, long face*	He has an oval face.
Hair (الشعر)	*curly, straight, wavy, long, short, blonde, dark, bald*	She has long curly hair.
Eyes (العينين)	*big, small, blue, brown, green, black*	He has big brown eyes.
Special Features (مميزات خاصة)	*glasses, beard, moustache, dimples*	He wears glasses and has a beard.
Personality (الصفات الشخصية)	*kind, helpful, generous, honest, funny, serious, hard-working*	She is kind and always helps her friends.

3. Useful Starters for Writing

Students can use the following starters to build their descriptive paragraph:
• He / She is..
• He / She has...
• He / She looks...
• What I like about him/her is...
• In my opinion, he/she is...

5. Model Paragraph

My best friend is Ahmed. He is of medium height and well-built. He has short black hair and big brown eyes. He wears glasses and usually has a big smile on his face. Ahmed is very generous and funny. He always helps his classmates and makes jokes to cheer us up. I really like him because he is a true friend.

6. Exercises

A. Fill in the gaps

1. My sister has _____ hair. (long – tall – big)
2. He is very _____. He always helps people. (kind – short – green)
3. My teacher is _____. (funny – slim – black eyes)

B. Matching

Match the phrases with their categories:

1. Curly hair   a. Face
2. Honest   b. Personality
3. Round face   c. Hair
4. Tall   d. Height

C. Guided Writing

Use the table and starters to write a short paragraph describing your best friend or a family member

Correction

Exercise A

1. long
2. kind
3. funny

Exercise B

1 → c (Hair)
2 → b (Personality)
3 → a (Face)
4 → d (Height)

Exercise C

My friend is Salma. She is tall and slim. She has long straight black hair and big brown eyes. She is very helpful and generous. I like her because she always supports me.