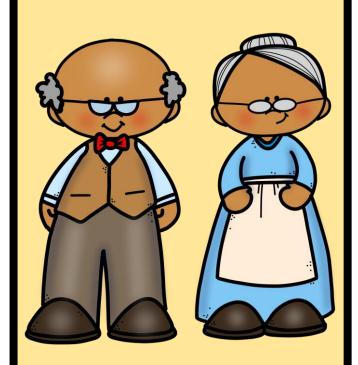
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# Character

repulsive
stubborn
obstinate
irritable
rash
impetuous
impatient
sly
pleasing
agreeable
handsome
jolly
humorous
gentle
timid
courteous
polite
honest
laid-back
horrible

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# Appearance

sturdy	gaunt
strong	rugged
robust	scrawny
brawny	nervous
slim	shifty
lanky	shy
skinny	unkempt
scraggy	rough
thin	crude
feeble	overweight
puny	short
weak	dark
bulky	stocky
massive	stooped
brawny	serious
bony	elderly
powerful	youthful
gigantic	nasty
sinewy	bubbly
athletic	cheerful

# Complexion

sallow
ruddy
tanned
wrinkled
pale
shrunken
shrivelled
blotched
freckled
tender
flushed
rough
pallid
bronzed
blanched
wizened
sunburned
blemished
withered
dry

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### Gait

proceeded	swung
scampered	retreated
departed	ran
strolled	climbed
travelled	raced
sauntered	dived
waddled	galloped
darted	marched
trotted	moved
advanced	reached
prowled	fled
crawled	trudged
plodded	jumped
sneaked	scurried
advanced	stepped
strode	rushed
escaped	wriggled
walked	waded
swayed	thundered
scrambled	limped

### Voice

soft
sweet
gentle
poignant
melodious
soothing
rich
clear
plaintive
nasal
deep
strong
high-pitched
firm
sharp
rough
raucous
hoarse
squeaky
husky

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### Hands

soft
gentle
delicate
small
large
skinny
slender
clammy
feeble
scarred
tattooed
grimy
hairy
rough
dirty
tender
smooth
bony
wrinkled
filthy

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# Eyes

luminous
bright
clear
hazel
brown
twinkling
piercing
shifty
sunken
flashing
hypnotic
glittering
haunting
curious
enquiring
sharp
steely blue
squinty
restless
despairing

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### Hair

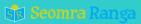
curly
oily
greasy
plaited
creased
pony-tailed
wavy
reddish
sandy
auburn
silky
sleek
tinted
soft
unkept
matted
coarse
tangled
scraggy
cropped

### Face

round
oval
thin
wizened
flat
moon
square
fleshy
freckled
spotty
acned
gloomy
menacing
frowning
serene
anguished
sullen
cheerful
friendly
charming

# Nose

snub
pointed
dainty
twitching
whimsical
inquisitive
sharp
slender
skinny
freckled
swollen
superior
squashed
strong
bulbous
broad
flat
broken
bumpy
pierced





### Lips/Mouth

thick
soft
small
tiny
cracked
ruddy
gaping
wide
protruding
open
stained
painted
smudged
full
chapped
swollen
cracked
plump
sultry
pierced

# Forehead

prominent
protruding
high
large
wrinkled
freckled
spotty
scaly
receding
wide
frowning
curved
narrow
proud
smooth
bumpy
tanned
arched
vast
rugged





## Emotions

angry	mad
furious	delighted
vexed	tired
exhausted	ecstatic
miserable	weary
raging	terrified
alarmed	concerned
anxious	depressed
dismal	gloomy
puzzled	horrified
crushed	dejected
scorned	outraged
seething	resentful
satisfied	calm
disgruntled	sorrowful
cautious	uncertain
impatient	troubled
sombre	moody
crestfallen	hesitant
perplexed	distracted

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# Clothing

tattered dirty
dirty
Sil 17
worn
cheap
flashy
formal
conservative
flamboyant
baggy
casual
tight-fitting
colourful
plain
tasteful
unfashionable
vintage
smart
scruffy
skimpy

### Mannerisms

shifted from foot to foot pulled at her earring picked at his short nails blinked her eyes constantly shrugged his shoulders her nose kept twitching tapped her feet on the floor twisted a pen in her hair fixed his glasses on his nose cracked his knuckles stared at the floor tapped his pen on the desk apologised for everything coughed to clear his throat fiddled with his watch shifted in her chair disagreed with everyone clicked her tongue loudly tapped his pen on his teeth pulled at his shirt cuff

#### Questions

What is their background?

How old are they?

What are their distinctive features?

What are they wearing?

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### Similes

eyes sparkled like diamonds voice as smooth as silk ran as fast as a hare face shone like a beacon skin as white as snow looked as fresh as a daisy stood as sturdy as an oak a stare as cold as ice chat as dull as ditchwater as patient as a saint entered the room like a king as light as a feather humour as sharp as a razor hands as soft as butter as stubborn as a mule as gentle as a lamb as strong as a weightlifter mind as bright as a star beauty like a spring flower leaped like a cheetah

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# Character

grotesque	repulsive
notorious	stubborn
arrogant	obstinate
peevish	irritable
violent	rash
impulsive	impetuous
hot-headed	impatient
tenacious	sly
spiteful	pleasing
charming	agreeable
attractive	handsome
jovial	jolly
sprightly	humorous
witty	gentle
humble	timid
loyal	courteous
sincere	polite
chivalrous	honest
devious	laid-back
lazy	horrible

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# Appearance

robust scrawny brawny nervous slim shifty lanky shy skinny unkempt scraggy rough thin crude feeble overweight puny short weak dark bulky stocky massive stooped brawny serious bony elderly powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly athletic cheerful	sturdy	gaunt
brawny nervous  slim shifty  lanky shy  skinny unkempt  scraggy rough  thin crude  feeble overweight  puny short  weak dark  bulky stocky  massive stooped  brawny serious  bony elderly  powerful youthful  gigantic nasty  sinewy bubbly	strong	rugged
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feeble overweight puny short weak dark bulky stocky massive stooped brawny serious bony elderly powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly	scraggy	rough
puny short  weak dark  bulky stocky  massive stooped  brawny serious  bony elderly  powerful youthful  gigantic nasty  sinewy bubbly	thin	crude
weak dark bulky stocky massive stooped brawny serious bony elderly powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly	feeble	overweight
bulky stocky massive stooped brawny serious bony elderly powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly	puny	short
massive stooped brawny serious bony elderly powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly	weak	dark
brawny serious bony elderly powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly	bulky	stocky
bony elderly powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly	massive	stooped
powerful youthful gigantic nasty sinewy bubbly	brawny	serious
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### Gait

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scrambled	limped

### Voice

soft sweet gentle poignant melodious soothing rich clear plaintive nasal
gentle poignant melodious soothing rich clear plaintive
poignant melodious soothing rich clear plaintive
melodious soothing rich clear plaintive
soothing rich clear plaintive
rich clear plaintive
clear
plaintive
nasal
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deep
strong
high-pitched
firm
sharp
rough
raucous
hoarse
squeaky
husky

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### Hands

gentle delicate small large skinny slender clammy feeble scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	soft
small large skinny slender clammy feeble scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	gentle
skinny slender clammy feeble scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	delicate
skinny slender clammy feeble scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	small
slender clammy feeble scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	large
clammy feeble scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	skinny
feeble scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	slender
scarred tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	clammy
tattooed grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	feeble
grimy hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	scarred
hairy rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	tattooed
rough dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	grimy
dirty tender smooth bony wrinkled	hairy
tender smooth bony wrinkled	rough
smooth bony wrinkled	dirty
bony wrinkled	tender
wrinkled	smooth
	bony
	wrinkled
filthy	filthy

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luminous
bright
clear
hazel
brown
twinkling
piercing
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sunken
flashing
hypnotic
glittering
haunting
curious
enquiring
sharp
steely blue
squinty
restless
despairing



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### Hair

curly
oily
greasy
plaited
creased
pony-tailed
wavy
reddish
sandy
auburn
silky
sleek
tinted
soft
unkept
matted
coarse
tangled
scraggy
cropped

### Face

round
oval
thin
wizened
flat
moon
square
fleshy
freckled
spotty
acned
gloomy
menacing
frowning
serene
anguished
sullen
cheerful
friendly
charming

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# Nose

snub
pointed
dainty
twitching
whimsical
inquisitive
sharp
slender
skinny
freckled
swollen
superior
squashed
strong
bulbous
broad
flat
broken
bumpy
pierced

### Lips/Mouth

thick soft small tiny cracked ruddy gaping wide protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	
small tiny cracked ruddy gaping wide protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	thick
tiny cracked ruddy gaping wide protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	soft
cracked ruddy gaping wide protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	small
ruddy gaping wide protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	tiny
gaping wide protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	cracked
wide protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	ruddy
protruding open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	gaping
open stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	wide
stained painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	protruding
painted smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	open
smudged full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	stained
full chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	painted
chapped swollen cracked plump sultry	smudged
swollen cracked plump sultry	full
cracked plump sultry	chapped
plump sultry	swollen
sultry	cracked
•	plump
niano d	sultry
piercea	pierced





# Forehead

prominent
protruding
high
large
wrinkled
freckled
spotty
scaly
receding
wide
frowning
curved
narrow
proud
smooth
bumpy
tanned
arched
vast
rugged

# Emotions

mad
delighted
tired
ecstatic
weary
terrified
concerned
depressed
gloomy
horrified
dejected
outraged
resentful
calm
sorrowful
uncertain
troubled
moody
hesitant
distracted

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# Clothing

expensive
tattered
dirty
worn
cheap
flashy
formal
conservative
flamboyant
baggy
casual
tight-fitting
colourful
plain
tasteful
unfashionable
vintage
smart
scruffy
skimpy

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