

THEME 5 INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE GRAMMAR

1. DESCRIBING A PERSON

1. Paragraph : General Information (Who is he/she?)

Name, City, Age, Country, Nationality, Job

Age : Baby, Young, Teenager, Middle Aged, Old, In her fifties, In his thirties, about forty years old

2. Paragraph : Physical Appearance (What does he/she look like?)

Attractive, unattractive, good-looking, handsome, beautiful, ugly, well-dressed, casually dressed

Height : Short, Of medium height, Tall

Weight/Build : Thin, Slim, Of medium weight, Plump, Fat, Overweight, Well-built, Muscular, Strong, Athletic

Hair : Short, Long, Shoulder Dark, Blond, Red, Straight, Curly, Wavy

Face : Oval, Thin, Chubby

Eyes : Big, Small, Slanting, Hazel, Brown, Black, Green, Blue

Skin : Fair, Dark, Blonde, Black

Other Features : Tattoo, Scar, Freckles, Dimples, Acne, Glasses

3. Paragraph : Character (What is he/she look like?)

Aggressive& Calm Ambitious&Laidback Brave&Cowardly Cheerful& Sad Violent&Peaceful,
Dangrerous&Safe Friendly&Unfriendly Generous&Stingy Hardworking&Lazy Naughty&Well-behaved
Outgoing&Shy Sociable&Unsociable, Punctual&Unpunctual Strict&Light Serious&Humorous,
Empathetic, Respectful, Supportive, Loyal, Tolerant , Responsible, Honest, Energetic, Careful, Careless, Selfish,
Aggressive, Modest, Boring

Mind : Wise, Clever, Intelligent, Foolish, Stupid

4. Paragraph : Likes&Dislikes (What does he/she like?)

Free time activities

Playing football, basketball, volleyball, handball

Playing the flute, the piano, the violin, the guitar

Playing games, board games, computer games

Reading books, newspaper, magazine

Drawing, Listening to music, Watching TV, Gardening, Studying, Diving, Swimming, Sunbathing, Writing etc

5. Paragraph : Your Feelings about him/her (How do you feel about him/her?)

2. OPINION, AGREEING, DISAGREEING

EXPRESSING OPINION

Personally,

From my point of view, ...

My personal view is that ...

As for me, ...

In my opinion, ...

I suppose, ...

You are absolutely right.

EXPRESSIONS OF AGREEING

That' s right

I agree with you to an extent.

I tend to agree with you.

I couldn't agree more.

That' s so true.

No doubt about it.

I don't think so.

EXPRESSIONS OF DISAGREEING

I completely disagree with you.

I'm afraid I disagree.

I totally disagree.

That's not always true.

I'm not so sure about it.

I'd say the exact opposite.

3. PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

We use Present Continuous Tense

• to talk about actions happening now, at the moment of speaking.

I'm doing my homework now.

- to talk about actions happening around the time of speaking.

They're looking for a flat at the moment.

*** We form the present continuous using the verb *to be* -am, is, are- and adding -ing to the base form of the main verb.

We're playing in the garden.

*** Time expressions used with the present continuous are **now, at the moment, at present, right now, these days**, etc

AFFIRMATIVE

Subject+ be +Verb + ing

I am ('m)

You / We / They + are ('re) + walking.

He / She / It is ('s)

NEGATIVE

Subject +be+not+ Verb + ing

I am not ('m not)

You / We / They are not (aren't) + walking.

He / She / It is not (isn't)

INTERROGATIVE

Be+ Subject+ Verb + ing ?

Am I

Are you /we /they + walking?

Is he / she / it

4. MAKING COMPARISONS

- We use the comparative form to compare two people, things, places etc. We usually use **than** with comparative adjectives.

The city is noisier than the country.

My English is better than yours.

- We use the superlative form to compare one person or thing with more than one person or thing in the same group. We use **the / of / in** with superlative adjectives.

The giraffe is the tallest animal of all.

She is the most beautiful girl in the class.

- We can also use **(not) as + adjective + as** to say that two people, places or things are / are not similar.

I am not as old as you.

Your bag is as big as mine.

*** **One-syllable adjectives**

adjective	comparative	superlative
tall	taller	the tallest
cold	colder	the coldest
long	longer	the longest

adjective	comparative	superlative
big	bigger	the biggest
fat	fatter	the fattest
hot	hotter	the hottest
sad	sadder	the saddest

adjective	comparative	superlative
heavy	heavier	the heaviest
tidy	tidier	the tidiest
dry	drier	the driest

*** Adjectives with two or more syllables expensive

adjective	comparative	superlative
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
important	more important	the most important

*** Some adjectives have the comparative and superlative degrees in both ways.

adjective	comparative	superlative
narrow	narrower	the narrowest
	more narrow	the most narrow
shallow	shallower	the shallowest
	more shallow	the most shallow
clever	cleverer	the cleverest
	more clever	the most clever
slender	slenderer	the slenderest
	more slender	the most slender
lovely	lovelier	the loveliest
	more lovely	the most lovely
friendly	friendlier	the friendliest
	more friendly	the most friendly
polite	politer	the politest
	more polite	the most polite
simple	simpler	the simplest
	more simple	the most simple
handsome	handsomer	the handsomest
	more handsome	the most handsome
common	commoner	the commonest
	more common	the most common
sincere	more sincere	the most sincere
	sincerer	the sincerest

*** Irregular adjectives

adjective	comparative	superlative
Good	Better	The Best
Bad	Worse	The worst
Far*	Farther(distance)	The farthest
	Further (distance/time)	The furthest
Old	Older/elder (no "than")*	The oldest
A lot/many/much	More	The most
little	less	The least