

Vocabulary for description of people, places and emotions.



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Adjectives to Describe People

- **adaptable**

capable of fitting a particular situation or use

When Asma's parents divorced, she proved herself to be adaptable. It wasn't easy, but she learned how to cope with this big change.

- **adventurous**

willing to undertake new and daring enterprises

People who are adventurous seek out the fun in life. They love to try something new--sometimes an act that others would find scary

- **affectionate**

having or displaying warmth or affection

- **ambitious**

having a strong desire for success or achievement

Ambitious people try to get ahead in life--they look for opportunities to better their life.

- **amiable**

diffusing warmth and friendliness

Amiable people are affable. They are kind, warm and friendly.

- **compassionate**

showing or having sympathy for another's suffering

Someone who is compassionate feels a strong sense of sadness when they see others who are suffering.

- **considerate**

showing concern for the rights and feelings of others

A considerate person looks out for other people. They often allow someone else to have the last piece of pie or they hold the door open for another person.

- **courageous**

able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

A courageous person is brave. They are the type of person to run into a burning building. They are also likely to get involved to stop a bullying situation.

- **courteous**

characterized by courtesy and gracious good manners

Courteous people say, "Please," "Thank you" and "No, thanks." Their manners are present because they are nice toward other people.

- **diligent**

characterized by care and perseverance in carrying out tasks

Diligent people work hard until a job is done. They take great care in doing things right. They don't give up.

- **empathetic**

showing ready comprehension of others' states

Someone who is empathetic is able to understand people better because they see things from the other person's perspective.

- **exuberant**

unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings

An exuberant person is full of joy and has a lot of energy to show it.

- **generous**

willing to give and share unstintingly

A generous person shares what they have willingly. It might be a cupcake or their time—either way, they're happy to share.

- **gregarious**

temperamentally seeking and enjoying the company of others

Gregarious people are fun to be around and they like being around other people. They are the "life of the party."

- **impartial**

free from undue bias or preconceived opinions

Impartial people are fair. They are able to remain neutral before forming an opinion. Lawyers like to have impartial people on juries so that they can fairly weight the evidence.

- **persistent**

stubbornly unyielding

Persistent people never give up. Even when the odds are stacked against them, they work tirelessly until the goal is achieved.

- **rational**

having its source in or being guided by the intellect

Rational people are practical. They make rational decisions based on their logical reasoning about a situation. They don't base decisions on emotions.

- **reliable**

worthy of trust

Someone who is reliable is trust worthy and dependable. You can "count on" a reliable person.

- **sympathetic**

expressing compassion or friendly fellow feelings

You are sympathetic when you feel sorry for someone else.

- **witty**

combining clever conception and facetious expression

Someone who is witty combines humor with intelligence. A witty observation is funny but also sophisticated. You need to be smart to understand a witty person's jokes.

- **classy**

someone who is classy has the natural ability to choose the best thing or behave in a suitable way in every situation

- **sporty**

a sporty person likes playing sport and plays regularly

- **a man of something**

a man with a particular quality or ability
for example – Talha is a man of dignity.

- **Flexible**

Open to and accepting of changes. Easily adaptable to new situations and environments.

- **Charismatic:**

The ability to effortlessly winning the affections of others.

Example: Even though Usama was new to the school, his charismatic ways soon won over most of the students and this was the main reason he won the race for class president.

Adjective to describe places

- **Picturesque**

(of a place or building) visually attractive

For Ex - The city is built on a rocky hill rising from the valley, which gives to it a strikingly **picturesque** appearance.

- **Scenic**

providing or relating to views of impressive or beautiful natural scenery.

For Ex- The Upper and the Lower lakes of Kalam valley are noted for their **scenic** beauty.

- **Pleasing to the eye**

pleasing in manner and appearance

For Ex - The streets of a beautiful city were bathed in a grateful green light that was especially **pleasing** to the eyes.

- **Quaint**

attractively unusual or old-fashioned

For Ex - The **quaint** streets of Pacific Grove were quiet during the weekday.

- **Awe-inspiring**

arousing awe through being impressive or formidable.

For Ex- It was an **awe-inspiring** sight.

- **Spectacular**

beautiful in a dramatic and eye-catching way.

For Ex- A few more miles away from the mountains, the place provides a **spectacular** view.

- **Eye-catching**

immediately appealing or noticeable; striking

For Ex - These were really beautiful homes and even more **eye-catching** gardens.

- **Noteworthy**

worth paying attention to; interesting or significant.

For Ex - The most **noteworthy** buildings are the hospital and the museum.

- **Serene**

calm, peaceful, and untroubled

For Ex – Margalla presents a serene view of Islamabad.

- **Mesmerize**

capture the complete attention of (someone)

For Ex –

1. Because I was mesmerized by the view of the ocean, I spent most of my vacation on the hotel balcony
2. I am truly **mesmerized** by the beauty of the Margalla Hills.

- **Take someone's breath away**

to be extremely beautiful **or** surprising

For Ex -

1. The view from the window took my **breath away**.
2. The beauty of the Taj Mahal took my breath away.

- **Breathtakingly beautiful**

astonishing or awe-inspiring in quality.

For Ex - The view from the top of the mountain was **breathtakingly beautiful**.

- **lively**

full of people who are busy or who are enjoying themselves

For Ex – Lahore is a lively place.

- **Bustling**

a bustling place is **full of noise and activity and is usually pleasant and interesting**

For Ex –

1. Karachi is a **bustling** town of merchants.
2. This vacation was an escape from the **bustling** life of city.

Some City Adjectives

City: *active, bustling, noisy, busy, clean, dirty, windy*

Traffic: *loud, congested,*

Buildings: *old, shabby, rundown, crumbling, modern, futuristic, sleek, towering, squat*

Buildings (walls): *brick, stone, marble, glass, steel, graffiti-covered*

Paint: *fresh, weathered, peeling*

Signs: *neon, weathered, worn, bright, welcoming, flashing*

Buses, cars, taxis: *belching, crawling, speeding, honking, waiting, screeching*

People: *hurried, bundled, smiling, frowning, eager, rushed*

Idioms and Phrases to describe feelings

You can use these idioms and phrases while discussing about the Cue card. Cue card demands good description of your feelings and situation. These idioms will help you expressing your emotions and will portray a good image of your vocabulary as well.

- **Over the moon**

extremely happy; delighted.

Example - He was over the moon about his result.

- **In seventh heaven**

very happy; ecstatic.

Example - she was in seventh heaven when she received the acceptance letter to medical school

- **Shaken up**

After people receive shocking news or experience something unexpected, they may feel shaken up. It means to be shocked or very surprised.

Example: After the accident, she was completely shaken up.

- **On pins and needles**

When people say they're on pins and needles, they aren't talking about sewing or injections. It really means that they are feeling anxious or nervous.

Example: The movie was so suspenseful, I was on pins and needles the whole time!

- **Head over heels**

Being head over heels in love is a popular expression to describe that feeling of being completely in love with someone. You can also say you are madly in love.

Example: I was head over heels in love with the weather of Murree.

- **Look on the bright side**

If you look on the bright side, you view a mostly unpleasant situation in a positive and optimistic way and see the favorable aspects.

Example: I was going through the toughest time of my life. But I believe in looking at the brighter sides of a situation.

- **Mixed feelings**

When you have mixed feelings about something, you react to it with conflicting emotions; you are happy and unhappy at the same time.

Example: I had mixed feelings about leaving the company. I was excited about my new job but sad to be leaving my colleagues.

- **Have a soft spot**

If you have a soft spot for someone or something, you particularly like them.

Example: My grandfather has always had a soft spot for his first grandchild.

- **Steamed up**

If someone gets steamed up about something, they become very angry, excited or enthusiastic about it.

Example: I was totally steamed up about the false rumors.

- **On cloud nine**

When someone is on cloud nine, it means that he or she is feeling extremely happy.

Example: I was literally on cloud nine when my visa got approved.

- **Cheesed off**

If someone is cheesed off with something, they are annoyed, bored or frustrated.

Example: Kashif is absolutely cheesed off with her job.

- **Feel on top of the world**

If you feel on top of the world, you feel wonderful or ecstatic about something.

Example: I've been feeling on top of the world since I got the results.

- **In the heat of the moment**

If you say or do something in the heat of the moment, you say or do it without pausing to think, at a time when you are experiencing unusually strong emotions such as anger, excitement, etc.

Example- I was so angry that in the heat of the moment I said things that I regret now.

- **Reduce to tears**

If your behaviour or attitude makes someone cry, you reduce them to tears.

"The teacher criticized her presentation so harshly that she was reduced to tears."

- **Shattered**

very upset.

1. he was said to be absolutely shattered after losing his job.
2. I was extremely shattered when I heard about his death.

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