English: 2Bac (All Streams)

Unit 1 (Youth: Potential and Challenges)
Writing : Describing a person

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I- Course

Appearance

- Age: young, old, teenager, middle-aged, elderly, in his twenties
- Height : tall, short, average height
- Build : fat / overweight, thin / slim, well built /in good shape
- Hair : long / short, black/ brown, curly / wavy / spiky
- Face : round, oval, wrinkled
- Eyes : big, small, narrow, blue, brown
- Clothes : formal, casual, smart

Personality

- Abilities: intelligent, vigorous, energetic, gifted
- Character : optimistic, relaxed,ambitious
- Behaviour : sociable, introverted, reliable

A descriptive paragraph may answer some of the following questions :

- Who is the person ?
- What does the person do ?
- What does he/she look like ?
- How does he/she behave ?
- How does he/she make others feel ?

II- Sample paragraph 1

My gifted friend

Tom. my best friend is really a genius. When he first joined our school, the other students avoided him; but now everybody wants to keep company with him. What is his secret? First of all, he is a brainy boy. He can solve mathematical operations faster than a calculator, and he can memorize things better than any of his classmates. He always gets the best grades in exams, and he is highly respected by his teachers. What makes him even more popular is his being modest, sociable and reliable. Although he is the shortest boy in our group, he is a gifted basketball player. Physically, he is round-faced, pale looking with brown small eyes and short straight hair. He is usually dressed in casual clothes : tight jeans and T-shirts. All those who know him, including his teachers, believe Tom has the traits of a genius.

Inspired and modified from Ticket to English

III- Sample paragraph 2

My grandmother

When I was a child, I admired my grandmother for her strength and kindness. She was not very fat. In fact, she was very thin, yet she was strong. She lived by herself and still did a lot of the housework. She was a very happy person and was always smiling and joking, and she often made me laugh. My grand mother was also very patient, and she always listened to all my problems. She gave me very good advice whenever I needed it. I was never afraid to tell her anything, because she never got angry at me. She just listened and tried to help, I also liked to spend time with her because she had interesting stories to tell about her childhood and life experiences. When I was young, my grandmother was my favorite friend.

Inspired from Just Reading and Writing

IV- Practice

Think of a person you like best and complete the following chart about him/her.

- Name and relationship :

- Physical appearance :

- His skills and competences :

- Behaviour :

- His special traits :

- What others say about him :

IV- Practice

Now write your paragraph :

These sentences may help you :

- My best friend is a special person.
- S/he is sociable and modest
- S/he has a strong personality
- Physically, he/she is tall and well-built
- S/he has long black straight hair
- His/her eyes are narrow and blue