

# Describing people

characterisation





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There are different ways to describe people, for example, through:

describing physical appearance

describing emotions

describing actions



**Which pictures would you want to describe through physical appearance? Which through emotion? Which through action?**



## Physical appearance

**What can you see about the man in the description?**

The room was crowded with people milling around waiting for the show to start. Despite the crowd I noticed one man immediately. He was dressed much more smartly than anyone else. His suit was jet black and smooth as a precious stone. He wore a snow white shirt that looked as if it could reflect bright light back to you. But it was his stature that

made him stand out. He was not very tall, but he stood tall and seemed to command attention through his pose.



## Emotions

**What can you see about the girl in the description?**

Next to the man stood a small girl who looked down at the floor. As I watched the pair, I saw the man talking to the girl but she never moved her eyes upwards. I couldn't see her face but her shoulders were rounded so much that her dark hair hung around her like curtains.



## Actions

**What can you see about the man in the description?**

In a sudden and swift moment the man stood in front of the girl and began to dance. At first only I noticed, but soon the whole room was watching him. His skill was apparent as he moved his feet in a perfect tap dance. Slowly the girl began to raise her head and a small smile appeared on her round face.



**Choose an image and write a description combining physical appearance, emotion and action details.**





## Answers

1. The room was crowded with people milling around waiting for the show to start. Despite the crowd I noticed one man immediately. He was **dressed** much more **smartly** than anyone else. His **suit** was **jet black** and **smooth** as a precious stone. He wore a **snow white shirt** that looked as if it could **reflect bright light** back to you. But it was his **stature** that made him stand out. He was not very tall, but he **stood tall** and seemed to **command attention** through his **pose**.

2. Next to the man stood a small girl who **looked down** at the floor. As I watched the pair, I saw the man talking to the girl but she **never moved her eyes upwards**. I couldn't see her face but her **shoulders were rounded** so much that her **dark hair hung around her like curtains**.

3. In a **sudden and swift moment** the man stood in front of the girl and **began to dance**. At first only I noticed, but soon the **whole room was watching him**. His **skill was apparent** as he **moved his feet in a perfect tap dance**. **Slowly** the **girl began to raise her head** and a **small smile appeared** on her round face.

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