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| personality | temperament,disposition | lively, bubbly | self-confident | steady, calm | withdrawn | shy, anxious |
| passionate | affectionate | ordinary | reserved | indifferent |
| charismatic | engaging | pleasant | bland | awkward |
| bossy, domineering | authoritative | self-confident | quiet | shy, submissive |
| nature | height | huge, gigantic | tall | middle-sized | short | tiny |
| build | overweight, obese [-‘-] | well-fed | average | thin, skinny | underfed, starved |
| age | (very) old | elderly | middle-aged | young | newly-born |
| hair | rich, lush | thick | curly ≠ straight | thin | bald(ing) |
| facial features | coarse | heavy | fleshy | fine | delicate [‘---] |
| mood | feelings | happy, relaxed | carefree | natural | worried | scared |
| furious, angry | tense | well-balanced | calm | bored, dull |
| ecstatic [-‘--] | excitable, busy | steady | slow | downcast |
| body language | facial expression | fierce | grim | severe | resolute [‘---] | pleasant |
| expressive | lively | friendly | reserved, dull | wooden, icy |
| raised eyebrows | a little frown | puzzled frown | heavy frown | grim frown |
| mouth | a big smile | a little smile | a polite smile | a watery smile | unsmiling |
| gaping | pouting | pursing lips | thin-lipped | clenched teeth |
| gestures | hectic | animated | steady | small | hard to see |
| to gesticulate | to wave one’s arms | point at sth., stress a point | hand in pocket | arms folded |
| posture | rock-solid | firm | flexible | unsure | unstable |
| bolt-upright | upright | straight | relaxed | slouching |
| feet | to stand | to move about a bit | to shuffle (nervously) | to pace up and down | to wobble, to waver |
| eyes | glare, stare | gaze | look | glance | cast secret / furtive glances |
| speech | pronunciation | distinct [-‘-] | clear | easy to understand | indistinct | mumbling |
| delivery | rapid | fluent | calm | slow | halting |
| voice | raucous | powerful | clear | soft, quiet | faint |
| to roar | to shout | to call | to speak | to whisper |
| resonant [‘---] | ringing | pleasant | melodious | chirpy |
| style | clothes | elegant | stylish | casual | worn | scruffy, shabby |
| flashy | extravagant | sober | drab | cheap-looking |
| looks | female | a stunner | a beauty, ‘a babe’ (BE, inf.) | a looker | a plain woman, (BE), a homely woman (AE) | not much of a looker |
| ravishing, stunning | beautiful | attractive, pretty | plain (BE), homely (AE) | unattractive |
| male | a looker | ‘a bit of talent’, ‘a babe’(BE, inf.) | bland | ordinary | nondescript |
| ‘dishy’ | handsome, good-looking | not bad | not too bad | unattractive |
| status | class | rich | well-off | fairly well-off | struggling | on welfare (AE); on benefits (BE) |
| posh | upper middle class | middle-class | lower middle class | needy, poor |
| civilisation | settlements | (sprawling) conurbation | (a big) city | suburb | town | village, hamlet |
| city centre, ‘downtown’ | urban | suburbia | on the outskirts | rural |
| (over-) crowded | bustling | busy | quiet | deserted |
| buildings | high-rise (block) | multi-storey-building | house | shack | (primitive) shelter |
| castle | mansion | family home | small flat, bedsitter | mobile home, trailer |
| nature | landscape | mountainous | hilly | rolling | gently undulating | flat |
| land | fertile, rich | arable | semi-arid | dry, arid, poor | barren |
| region | tropical | sub-tropical | moderate | harsh | arctic |
| temperature | hot | warm | nice | rough | icy |
| rain | cloudburst, thunderstorm | downpour | rain, sleet, snow | drizzle | shower |
| effects | music | harmonious [-‘---] | pleasant | easy (on the ear) | monotonous [-‘---] | grating, jarring |
| lighting | blinding | dazzling | bright | gloomy | (pitch-) dark |
| vision | light, visibility | at the first light | in broad daylight | in twilight | in the dark | in pitch darkness |
| clear | haze | mist | fog | pea-soup (BE); smog |