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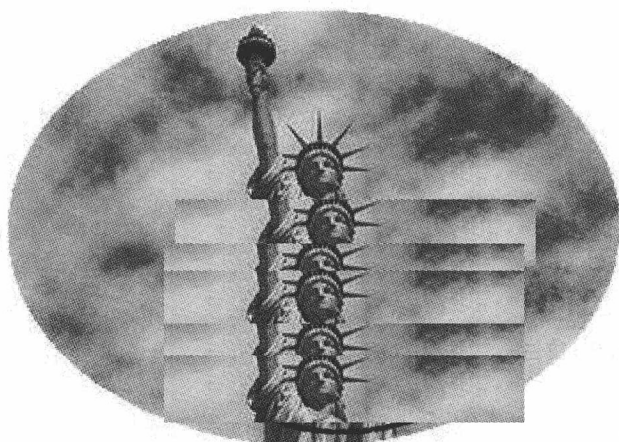
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FOREWORD

This book is a unique publication in the field of oral English. What makes it unique is the fact that it comprehensively integrates the material that students are very interested in, specifically the ways and means that allow them to communicate about the *most popular topics* and to understand the daily language used by native speakers. In order to accomplish this task, this book is divided into thirty units. Each unit introduces a new popular topic and includes the following sections:

- *Topic key words.* Each topic is first introduced via an extensive list of key words. These key words give the reader the tools to communicate about the topic.
- *Topic dialogs.* This section includes typical dialogs about the topic. The reader can use these dialogs as examples of how to express oneself.
- *Topic slang.* Slang is a very important component of oral English. Slang is what English-learners hear when they watch an American movie or TV show, see when they enter an online English chatroom, hear when they see American expatriates or tourists talking, and hear daily when they visit the United States. Unfortunately, slang is rarely introduced in textbooks. This section includes the popular slang words and expressions to talk about the topic.
- *Topic in America.* This section introduces American culture and helps the reader to learn a lot of detailed information about the topic in America.
- *Topic discussion.* In this section, there are ten stimulating questions to prod the readers into detailed and interesting discussions of the topic.
- *Topic funny quotes.* Understanding the humor in a foreign language means one has a good grasp of that language. This section includes funny quotes that help the reader to get a deeper understanding of the English language.
- *Topic cartoon.* As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. This section uses cartoon pictures and questions to engage the reader into deep and yet entertaining discussions.
- *Topic extra.* This section adds further topic material that the reader might find of interest in not only knowing but also discussing.

- Topic games. It's a fact of life that learning can sometimes be tedious. This section introduces topic games that challenge the reader to dig deeper into the topic in a fun way.
- Pronunciation. Foreign learners of English encounter many pronunciation difficulties. This section introduces pronunciation hints to help them tackle and overcome those difficulties.
- Proverbs. Learning proverbs allows the reader to gain a wider appreciation of the language and culture. This section introduces some of the most popular proverbs. In order to engage the reader, the proverbs are presented in a multiple-choice cloze, thus requiring the reader to think and understand the real meaning of the proverbs.
- Homework. Homework is used to enhance and reinforce the reader's grasp of each unit. As a convenience to the reader, the answers are provided at the back of the book.

Note: What is new in this third edition?

This third edition is a major revision of this book and includes the following improvements:

- ✧ The number of topic key words in each unit has been doubled by adding new and very useful words. The key words have been revised to eliminate redundancy among units. Also, the translations of the key words have been edited for better accuracy.
- ✧ A completely new section of topic dialogs has been added to each unit.
- ✧ The slang words in each unit have been selected to be specific to the topic of that unit and greatly increased in number.
- ✧ The topic discussion questions in each unit have been revised and updated.
- ✧ A completely new section of topic cartoons has been added to each unit.
- ✧ A completely new section of topic games has been added to each unit.
- ✧ The homework of each unit has been updated to reflect the new key words and slang.
- ✧ Each unit has been richly illustrated with numerous figures and graphics for better presentation.
- ✧ A DVD with book recordings has been included.

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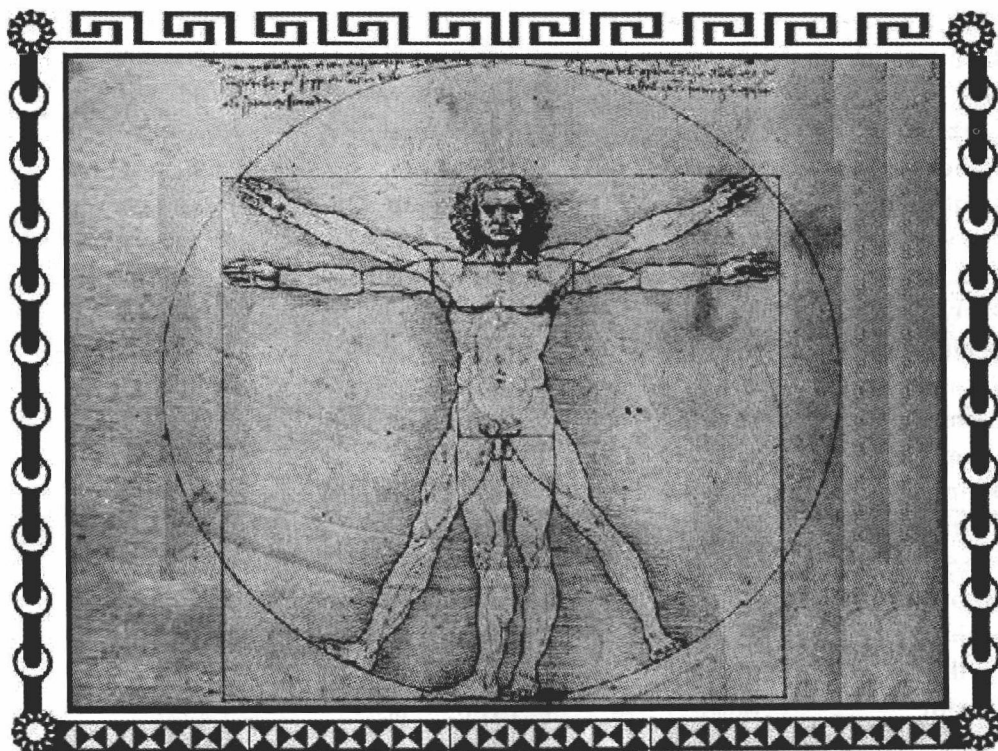
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UNIT 1

APPEARANCE



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01 TOPIC KEY WORDS

Learn the key words to talk about "appearance".



Build up
your
vocabulary

Albino	白化病的人	Hairstyle:	发型:
Bald	秃头的	Bun	发髻
Bangs	额前短垂发/刘海儿	Mohawk	莫霍克
Beard	胡须	Pigtail	辫子
Beauty pageant	选美比赛	Ponytail	马尾
Beauty salon	美容院	Height	身高, 高度
Beer belly	啤酒肚	Lanky	瘦高而行动笨拙的
Birthmark	胎记	Liposuction	吸脂手术
Blonde	金发碧眼女人	Locks	头发
Bombshell	靓女	Make-up	化妆
Brawny	强壮的; 肌肉发达的	Manicure	美甲
Brunette	深色头发的白种女人	Moustache	上嘴唇的胡子; 髭
Burly	魁梧的	Obese	非常胖的
Complexion	肤色	Overweight	太胖的; 超重的
Cosmetic surgery	整容外科	Petite	娇小的
Cosmetics	化妆品	Physique	体格; 体形
Cover girl	封面女郎	Pimple	丘疹
Dimple	酒窝; 笑靥	Plastic surgery	整形外科
Dreamboat	帅哥	Plump	丰腴的; 微胖的
Dye	染色	Pose	摆姿势
Eyebrow	眉毛	Potbelly / Paunch	大肚子
Eyelash	睫毛	Profile	侧面
Eyelid	眼皮	Redhead	红发的人
Facelift	面部拉皮手术	Rhinoplasty	鼻整形术
Facial	脸部美容	Scrawny	干瘦的
Fair	白皙的	Sex symbol	性感偶像
Figure / Shape	身材	Sideburns	连鬓胡子
Freckle	雀斑	Size	大小
Frumpy	其貌不扬的	Stocky	矮壮的
Gaunt	瘦削的, 骨瘦如柴的	Take after	像
Hair:	头发:	Tanned	晒黑的
Curly	卷曲的	Tattoo	纹身
Frizzy / Kinky	鬈紧的, 拳曲的	Toiletries	盥洗用具/洗漱用品
Straight	直的	Tubby	矮胖的
Wavy	波浪的	Unisex	不分男女的
Hairstyle:	发型:	Weight	重量
Afro	非洲式	Wig	假发
Bob	短发至肩	Wrinkle	皱纹

02 TOPIC DIALOGS

Learn how to talk about
"appearance".



Learn to talk
about
this topic

A: How tall are you?
B: One point seventy five.
A: Come again?
B: It's about five nine.
A: I see.



A: Did that basketball team get a new center?
B: Yeah, they got a brawny seven-footer with tattoos all over his body.

A: That girl looks different today.
B: Yeah, I think she does. Say, what's different about her?
A: Hmm, wasn't she the one with the big nose?
B: Oh yeah, I got it. She must've had a nose job.

A: You got a new hairstyle?
B: Well, times change.
A: Looks like you lost a few pounds too.
B: That's right, I quit drinking.

A: I'm trying to lose some weight.
B: How much do you weigh?
A: Lately, about two hundred pounds.
B: Wow, you got to hit the gym.

A: What does she look like?
B: She's petite, with a tanned look.
A: She has long hair?
B: Yep, she usually wears her hair in a ponytail, but I think she'd look good in a bob.

A: That old actress looks kind of funny. She can't even smile!
B: I think she had one too many facelifts.

03 TOPIC SLANG

Learn the American slang used to talk about "appearance".



Learn slang
and talk like
a native

She looked sexy wearing a bellybutton (navel) ring.	Wow, that girl with a sexy kisser (mouth) has a kooky (strange, weird) do!
Junk food will make a blimp / butterball / fatso / porker (fat person) out of you.	All that junk food is going right to your love handles (fat around the waist).
She has a great bod (body).	Keep your mitts / paws (hands) off me!
Wipe that booger (dry nasal mucus) off your nose, man!	Get a closer peek; she's a Monet (one who doesn't look so good up close)!
That bruiser (big, strong man) is a load (heavy or overweight person).	Her driver's license showed her cute mug / kisser (face) from back in high school.
He looked buff (in good, muscular shape) in shorts.	She went to the clinic to get a nose job (nose cosmetic surgery).
Everyone thinks he's a chip off the old block (resembles one of one's parents).	The new Miss World is phat (excellent, cool).
Her gown showed a lot of cleavage (hollow between a woman's breasts).	She wore a ring on her pinkie (little finger).
She wears contacts (contact lenses).	He prefers a plumper (chubby, curvy and sexy woman) to a bony model.
That cow (very fat girl or woman) is a deuce (fat girl, usually over 200 lbs).	The pudgy / stubby (short and fat) guy looked almost as wide as tall.
She's a dish / doll / fox / knockout / looker (good-looking person) that turns heads.	He always had a rad / cool (excellent, wonderful) feel about him.
Hey, that's a cool do (hairdo, haircut), dude!	That actor wears a rug (wig, toupee) to keep his youthful look.
What's in that dome / bean / conk / nob / noggin / noodle / nut (head) of yours?	Check out the schnoz / honker (huge nose) on that guy!
She wore a funky / kicky (modish and original) hat.	She wore a snazzy (fashionable), skimpy outfit.
She splattered some lotion on her gams (legs).	Her tight leather miniskirt accentuated her thunder thighs (huge thighs).
The punch in the gut (belly) knocked him down.	She patted him on the tush / backside / behind / bottom / buns / butt / fanny / heinie / keister / rear end (buttocks).
She was attracted to that hunk (sexy guy with great body) simply for his muscles.	The high-school teen got some acne lotion for her zit (pimple).

04 TOPIC IN AMERICA

Read and learn about “appearance” in America.



Learn about
American
culture



America is a land of immigrants, and thus Americans do not all necessarily look like the stereotype shown in Hollywood movies. An American could, for instance, be a European-American, an African-American or an Asian-American. Whereas the majority of Americans come from European descent, a growing number of Americans come from other ethnic backgrounds.

The two biggest minorities in the US are Hispanics and African-Americans. Hispanics are descendants of Spanish-speaking ancestors. Hispanics comprise the biggest minority and their percentage of the population is growing fast because of a high birth rate and immigration. It is predicted that by the middle of this century, Hispanics will be the majority in California.

Most Americans like to keep in shape and look young. Thus, many of them work out and enjoy the outdoors. However, because of a high intake of junk food, many Americans are overweight or obese.

Most Americans think that blondes are the sexiest females. Of course, some Americans prefer others like brunettes, Asians and so on.

As in other countries, “thin is in” among girls and women. This means that the thinner they are, the more attractive they become. Dieting and exercise are the ways to get thin.

Americans like being outdoors and in touch with nature. A tanned look is regarded as healthy and attractive.

Americans like to dress casually. Jeans, T-shirts and sports shoes are a very common outfit. In the south of the US, people like to dress in boots, jeans, plaid shirts and cowboy hats.

Hairstyles in the US come in all shapes, from dreadlocks to skinheads.

05 TOPIC DISCUSSION

Discuss these questions about
"appearance".



Improve your
discussion
skills

1. *What is the appearance of your ideal partner, e.g. boyfriend or girlfriend?*
2. *Why are we so attracted to beauty?*
3. *Describe the different ways that one can change one's appearance.*
4. *Describe your daily grooming process such as showering, shaving and so on.*
5. *Do people start looking similar after being together for a long time? Explain.*
6. *Do you follow fashion trends in make-up and hairstyles? Explain.*
7. *What do you think of cosmetic surgery?*
8. *What part of your body would you like to change? Explain.*
9. *Why has women's beauty standard changed from plump centuries ago to thin now?*
10. *Describe the appearance characteristics of people from different parts of the world.*

**06 TOPIC FUNNY QUOTES**

Discuss these funny quotes about
"appearance".



Master English
through
humor

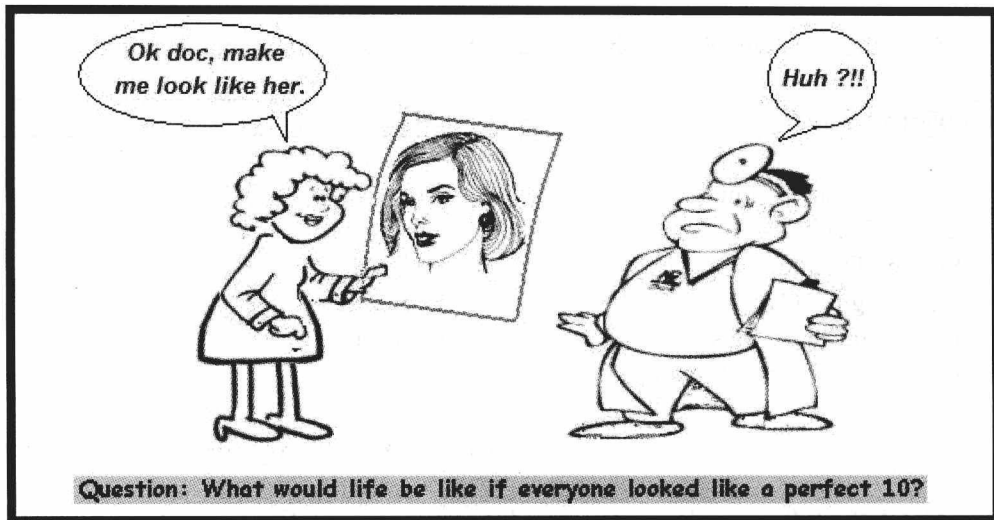
1. *Yeah, I know I'm ugly ... I said to a bartender, "Make me a zombie". He said "God beat me to it". (Rodney Dangerfield)*
2. *Start everyday with a smile and get it over with. (W.C. Fields)*
3. *Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle. (Bob Hope)*
4. *He's so old that when he orders a three-minute egg, they ask for the money up front. (Milton Berle)*
5. *My psychiatrist told me I'm going crazy. I told him, "If you don't mind I'd like a second opinion". He said, "Alright, you're ugly too". (Rodney Dangerfield)*

07 TOPIC CARTOON

Analyze and discuss this cartoon about "appearance".



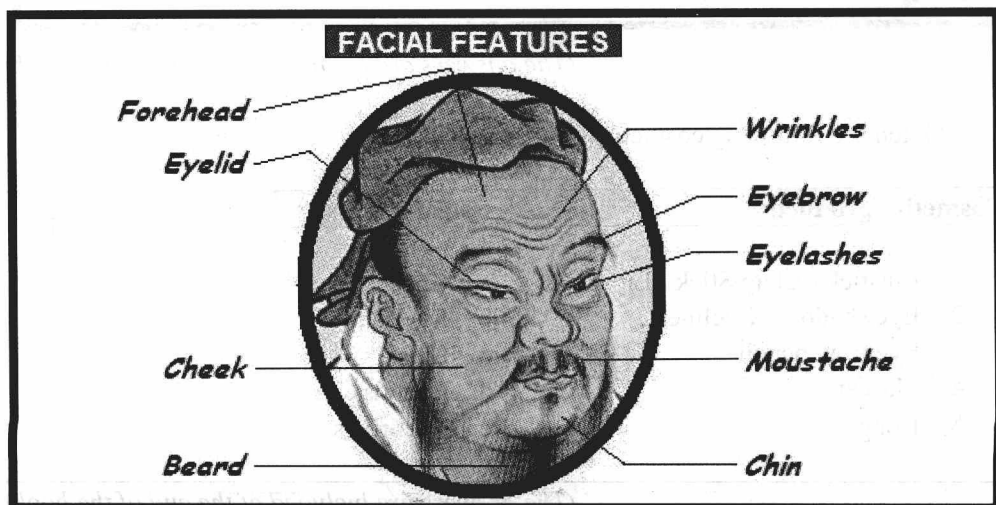
Enjoy English
through
cartoons

**08 TOPIC EXTRA**

Add to your knowledge of "appearance".

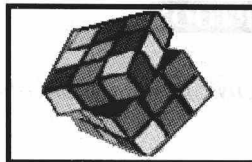


Get
extra
knowledge



09 TOPIC GAMES

Sharpen your grasp of
"appearance".



Build up
your
topic IQ

1. Match the following descriptive words to the corresponding facial features.

Descriptive words	Facial features
1. Thick / Bushy / Thin 2. Long / Curly / Fake 3. Single / Double 4. Flat / High-bridge 5. Full / Thin / Luscious 6. Long / Oval / Round / Square	a. Face b. Nose c. Eyebrows d. Eyelids e. Eyelashes f. Lips

(The answers are included at the end of the book)

2. Match the following descriptive words to the corresponding hairstyles.

(1) Mohawk (2) Bob (3) Pigtails (4) Bun (5) Ponytail



(The answers are included at the end of the book)

3. Match the following cosmetics products to the corresponding facial features.

Cosmetics products	Facial features
1. Lipstick / Chap Stick / Lip-gloss 2. Eye shadow / Eyeliner 3. Eyebrow pencil 4. Mascara 5. Rouge	a. Cheeks b. Eyelashes c. Lips d. Eyelids e. Eyebrows

(The answers are included at the end of the book)

10 PRONUNCIATION

“R” and “L” sounds. Note that for the “R” sound, the tongue is curled up but doesn’t touch the top of the mouth. For the “L” sound, the tip of the tongue is pressed against the top of the mouth. Practice the following:



Ray	Lay	Fire	File	Crew	Clue	Arrive	Alive
Read	Lead	Right	Light	Crime	Climb	Correct	Collect
Rain	Lain	Paris	Palace	Crowd	Cloud	Steer	Steel
Rash	Lash	Marrow	Mellow	Fry	Fly	River	Liver

**11 PROVERBS**

Fill in the blanks with the correct answer from 1, 2, 3 or 4:



A ____ in the hand is worth two in the bush.

(1. Coin, 2. Glove, 3. Money, 4. Bird)

(Meaning: We should be happy with what we have and not be too greedy.)

A ____ is known by the company he keeps.

(1. Lady, 2. Woman, 3. Man, 4. Girl)

(Meaning: A person's character can be judged from the friends he/she keeps.)

A _____ in need is a friend indeed.

(1. Thief, 2. Book, 3. Beggar, 4. Friend)

(Meaning: A friend at your side when you are in trouble is a good friend.)

A man's home is his _____ .

(1. Car, 2. Money, 3. Castle, 4. Own)

(Meaning: You are the master in your own home.)

(The answers are included at the end of the book)

12 HOMEWORK

*Practice
makes
perfect*

Vocabulary practice: Fill in the blanks with the words from the section "Topic key words".

Whenever she eats spicy food or chocolate, her face breaks full of _____.
 Many actresses undergo _____ in their later years in order to keep looking young.
 When a criminal is booked, the police take both his/her front and _____ pictures.
 Her nice smile is accentuated by beautiful _____ in her cheeks.
 She was born with a _____ on her left thigh.
 Many Asian women undergo plastic surgery to change from single to double _____.
 He noticed her long, curly _____ when she blinked her beautiful eyes.
 The skin cosmetics company chose her as a model for her smooth and clean _____.
 In order to disguise himself, he grew long hair, a mustache and a long _____.
 Because of her _____ size, she always looked like a cute little girl.
 He lost most of his hair and became _____ by the time he was forty.
 There are many jokes about dumb _____ in the US.
 Because he drank so much, he developed a big _____.
 Many Americans are _____ because of their daily intake of junk food.
 Her nail polish wore off, so she went to a beauty salon to get a _____.
 She bought some skin lotion to get rid of the _____ on her forehead.

(The answers are included at the end of the book)

Slang practice: Fill in the blanks with the correct slang word from the section "Topic slang".

He decided to start working out after he developed _____ around the midsection.
 He went down to the barbershop and got a nice _____.
 She finds glasses too heavy and not so cool, so she wears _____.
 The black leather mini revealed her sexy _____.
 Teens suffer from acne and get _____ on their faces.
 She thinks the brawny actor is a real _____.

(The answers are included at the end of the book)

Proverb practice: Which proverb is appropriate for each of the following situations?

One's the boss in one's home.
 Those who stick around in your times of difficulty are the ones who really care about you.
 You can get a good idea of who a person is by knowing his/her friends.
 You should not be too greedy and reach out for more than what you already have.

(The answers are included at the end of the book)

Composition: Write a short essay about "Appearance".

UNIT 2

BELIEFS



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