



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Describing People

Topic: Descriptions in Conversation

Level: Novice-Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

- Review all the different adjectives you have learned. If there are different forms depending on gender, number, etc., make sure you remember all the variations.
- Describe yourself out loud. Give as many details as possible, depending on what you have learned so far. Can you talk about:
 - Physical appearance?
 - Personality?
 - Your age, where you are from, what you study, etc.?
- Practice describing your friends and family members.
- Practice describing celebrities or random people in photographs. (If don't know about the person's age, personality, etc., make it up.)
- Keep practicing throughout the week. Think about how you would describe your professors, your classmates, or people you see in the dining hall or walking across campus.

Practice in Conversation Session

- Be prepared to describe yourself in as much detail as possible. Your conversation partner or fellow students may follow up with questions.
- Be prepared to describe a friend or family member to your conversation partner or another student, and to listen to her/him describe a friend or family member. Then report back to the whole group about what your partner told you.
- Your conversation partner may bring in pictures of celebrities or random people for you and your fellow students to describe. (If don't know about the person's age, personality, etc., you can make it up.)