TOPIC: Describing people (physical traits) 1
Choose the best response to complete each of the following sentences:

1. Jim is _____ (higher/taller) than I am.

2. My sister is _____ (lower/shorter) than I am.

3. My brother isn't fat, he's _____ (stocky/sticky).

4. The word "skinny" is slightly more negative than the word _____ (thinning/thin).

5. He's completely _____ (bold/bald). He lost all of his hair years ago.

6. My sister works out every day, so she's in very good _____ (shaped/shape).

7. He's not fat, but he has a bit of a _____ (belly/fat).

8. He's six feet _____ (high/tall).

9. He walks with a _____ (limp/lump).

10. My grandfather has _____ (trouble/problem) walking fast. (= he can't walk fast easily)

ENGLISH VOCABULARY EXERCISE

TOPIC: Describing people (physical traits) 2
Choose the best response to complete each of the following sentences:

1. My brother is _____ (blind/blonde) in one eye. (= he can't see in one eye)

2. My sister used to _____ (die/dye) her hair blonde.

3. My _____ (complex/complexion) is much darker than my brother's.

4. Linda is always _____ (tanned/tan) during the summer.

5. He's not bald, but he does have a _____ (reducing/receding) hairline.

6. Paula is very good-_____ (looking/viewing). (= attractive)

7. I'm out of shape. I ran for 5 minutes, and I'm already out of _____ (breath/breathing).

8. She has shoulder-_____ (length/long) hair.

9. Peter has a _____ (razored/shaved) head.

10. He is a very _____ (stylish/styling) man. (= he wears very fashionable clothes)

1.   The elephant's ears are _____. (tasty/floppy)
2.   My mom's lasagna is_____. (delicious/sharp)
3.   The party is _____. (ugly/fun)
4.   The _____ man has no place to sleep. (poor/fluffy)
5.   My slippers are _____. (soft/angry)
6.   Grandma's perfume is_____. (frilly/smelly)
7.   Janet's music is _____. (generous/energizing)
8.   The movie is _____. (dramatic/furry)
9.   Our home is _____. (challenging/comfortable)
10. The school is _____. (happy/large)
11. The party was _____. (old/noisy)
12. Harrison's car is _____ (crunchy/fast)
13. Our friends have a _____dog. (friendly/bumpy)
14. The weather is _____. (chilly/frozen)
15. My new shoes are _____. (long/fashionable)
16. The genius is _____. (intelligent/rectangular)
17. The city library is _____. (useful/chewy)
18. We have a _____ horse. (brown/scaly)

Place the adjectives before the noun in the most natural order.

Examples: a box (round, small) - a small round box; a beach (long, sandy) - a long sandy beach

1. clouds (big, grey)

2. a writer (German, well-known)

3. a table (glass, large, rectangular)

4.   a mug (coffee, dirty)

5.   weather (horrible, wet)

6.   a tie (blue, silk)

7.   a suitcase (brown, huge, leather)

8.   a chalet (cosy, Swiss)

1. a hat (pink, ridiculous, straw)

2. a TV series (new, superb)

3. a village (Alpine, little, pretty)

4. a doctor (Australian, good-looking, young)

5. a dessert (chocolate, delicious)

6. a film (delightful, Spanish)

7. a flat (London, spacious)

8. a statue (marble, small, white)

ADVERB or ADJECTIVE?

Underline the correct

Exercise 1:

1. It rained very heavy / heavily during the night.

2. We were all shocked by our boss's sudden / suddenly resignation.

3. Please drive careful / carefully. The roads may be icy.

4. I couldn't come to the party as I wasn't very good / well.

5. Gisele's English is very good / well. She speaks German good / well too.

6. The coach was furious. He had never seen his team play so bad / badly.

7. I'm going to put on a sweater. It's getting cold /coldly.

Exercise 2:

1. Did you stay up late / lately? You look very sleepy / sleepily.

2. The pupils have been studying hard / hardly for their summer exams.

3. What's the matter with Paul? He seems angry / angrily.

4. We real / really enjoyed the play. It was a very clever / cleverly script.

5. The interview was surprising / surprisingly long and the interviewee was amazing / amazingly open.

6. Patrick was fined heavy / heavily for driving too fast / fastly down the motorway.

7. Although the exam was tough, hard / hardly anyone failed.

A) Complete the following sentences by adapting the word given in brackets.

1) Naomi and Kurt have three children. Naomi also has a daughter from a previous _____ . (marry)

2) The film was so _____ . You knew exactly how it was going to end. (predict)

3) The government is concerned about the significant rise in _____ . (homeless)

4) It has been _____ proven that stroking a cat can lower your blood pressure. (scientific)

5) Thanks to the large _____ from her grandmother Paula was able to buy a villa in the south of France. (inherit)

6) In the UK it is _____ to sell cigarettes to children under 16. (legal)

7) You can _____ your tea with honey instead of sugar. (sweet)

8) You need to _____ the final point of the presentation. It's rather confusing. (clear)

9) The film turned out to be a big _____ .   It was really quite boring. (disappoint)

10) The _____ between the city's two football teams is often quite fierce. (rival)

B)

1) Lizzy has just won a _____ to a world-renowned university. (scholar)

2) It's _____ arguing with them. They are not going to change their mind. (point)

3) You will need your parents' _____ if you want to go on the school trip. (permit)

4) It's a wonderful restaurant. Great food and excellent service. We _____ recommend it! (high)

5) Thank you so much for the flowers. It's very _____ of you. (thought)

6) Sarah speaks perfect French as she spent much of her _____ in Canada. (child)

7) I've _____ my wallet. Have you seen it anywhere? (place)

8) Don't forget to _____ the modem when you have finished using it. (connect)

9) Ben sulks like a child when he doesn't get his own way. He's so _____ . (mature)

10) Oliver's CV is truly _____ . He's bound to get the job. (impress)

Newspaper Links
The following exercises are especially useful for those students taking the First Certificate exam.
Complete the following sentences by adapting the word given in brackets.

Exercise 1

1) We need to find a _____ to the problem as soon as possible. (solve)

2) Juan speaks English fluently and makes very few _____ mistakes. (grammar)

3) The teacher keeps a record of every student's _____ . (attend)

4) Air-conditioning is a _____ if you live somewhere like the south of Spain. (necessary)

5) Don't be afraid of the dog. He's absolutely _____ . (harm)

6) The company is trying hard to improve customer _____ . (satisfy)

7) Measures were taken around the world to _____ airport security after the 11 September attacks. (tight)

8) We're going to change our suppliers as they have become very _____ in the last year. (rely)

9) Patricia's very _____ . She writes short stories, paints and makes mosaics. (create)

10) We need your _____ at the bottom of the page. (sign)

Exercise 2

1) The index at the back of the book is in _____ order. (alphabet)

2) The fans waved _____ as the film star stepped out of the limousine. (excite)

3) Chickenpox is a highly _____ disease which many people catch as a child. (infect)

4) Matt is very _____ . He wants to be number one at everything. (compete)

5) Harry loves cars and he's so _____ about them. (knowledge)

6) There is little _____ of the president being re-elected. (likely)

7) The prime minister thinks there may be a _____ to overthrow him. (conspire)

8) In _____ with Tokyo, London and Paris are relatively cheap. (compare)

9) The police were unable to _____ that she had committed the crime. (proof)

10) The president's speech went on for so long that I almost died of _____ ! (bore)