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Vocab describing appearances

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Which of the following is NOT correct?

I've got short black hair, but my sister's is long and _____.

- a. blonde
- b. brown
- c. yellow
- d. red

2. Which of the following is NOT correct?

As we get older, most people get _____ next to their eyes.

- a. wrinkles
- b. lines
- c. crows feet
- d. creases

3. The answer is 'She's quite tall, with long blonde hair' but what was the question?

- a. What does she look like?
- b. How is she?
- c. What's she like?
- d. What does she like?

4. Which of the following is NOT correct?

If men don't shave, they grow _____ on their chin.

- a. a 5 o'clock shadow
- b. stubble
- c. a beard
- d. a moustache

5. Which one is NOT correct?

If someone doesn't take care of their clothes, they can be described as _____.

- a. smart
- b. scruffy
- c. well-turned out
- d. well-dressed

6. Which of the following adjectives can be used with 'absolutely'?

Have you seen Marie's new boyfriend – he's absolutely _____!

- a. gorgeous
- b. good-looking
- c. handsome
- d. attractive

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Answers

1. Which of the following is NOT correct?

I've got short black hair, but my sister's is long and _____.

a. blonde - Blonde hair is yellowish or golden in colour

b. brown - Brown hair is correct

c. yellow - We don't say yellow hair, we say 'blonde' or 'fair' hair. Correct Answer

d. red - Red hair is also known as 'ginger' in colour

2. Which of the following is NOT correct? As we get older, most people get _____ next to their eyes.

a. wrinkles - Wrinkles are lines we develop as we get older – also an adjective – wrinkled

b. lines - We develop lines in our face as we get older

c. crows feet - Crows feet are the lines we get next to our eyes

d. creases - Creases are found in material, not skin. Correct answer

3. The answer is 'She's quite tall, with long blonde hair' but what was the question?

a. What does she look like? - This question asks for a physical description. Correct

b. How is she? - This question asks generally about her health or well-being. 'She's fine'.

c. What's she like? - This asks about appearance and character.

d. What does she like? - This asks about her likes and dislikes e.g. she likes crime stories.

4. Which of the following is NOT correct? If men don't shave, they grow _____ on their chin.

a. a 5 o'clock shadow - A 5 o'clock shadow is another word for stubble, the start of a beard

b. stubble - Stubble is the beginning of a beard

c. a beard - A beard will grow on a man's chin

d. a moustache - A moustache grows on a man's upper lip not his chin. Correct Answer

5. Which one is NOT correct? If someone takes care of their clothes, they can be described as _____.

a. smart - If you are smart you take care of your clothes and appearance.

b. scruffy - If you are scruffy you don't care about your clothes and appearance, it's the opposite of smart. Correct answer.

c. well-turned out - If you are well-turned out, you take care of your clothes and appearance.

d. well-dressed - If you are well-dressed, you take care of your clothes and appearance.

6. Which of the following adjectives can be used with 'absolutely'?

Have you seen Marie's new boyfriend – he's absolutely _____!

a. gorgeous - 'absolutely gorgeous' is correct as 'gorgeous' is a strong adjective. Correct
b. good-looking - You cannot say 'absolutely good-looking'. 'Absolutely + extreme adjective' is the rule.

c. handsome - You cannot say 'absolutely handsome'. 'Absolutely + extreme adjective' is the rule.

d. attractive - You cannot say 'absolutely attractive'. 'Absolutely + extreme adjective' is the rule.