

What did they look like?

In this activity, students must use adjectives to describe one of their classmates. To begin, have one student stand and face the class. The remaining students must look at the student for no longer than 30 seconds. Then have the student leave the classroom. The remaining students will then write a description of the student which will be read to the class. After each student has written their description, the student is brought back into the classroom. Select students at random to read their description and compare the students' description to the selected student's appearance.

This activity also works well as a group project. Put your students in small groups and have them work together to come up with a description of the student. This can be quite comical because not everyone is going to agree. One student may want to use short, while another will say the subject is medium height. One will say the subject is fat while another says husky. It is interesting to see how different the subject looks to each student. This could ultimately lead to a discussion about how the interpretation of 'adjectives' are subjective and not absolute.