



## Flaws and Flawlessness

## Flaws:

- 1. Appearance
- Pimple/zit/acne
- Blackheads
- Bad breath/halitosis
- Freckles
- Teeth gap/buck teeth
- Receding hair
- Greasy hair
- Overweight
- Widow's peak
- Hand warts
- Floppy ears
- Lazy eye
- Skinny
- Facial hair
- Big hips
- To speak with a lisp
- To stumble
- 2. Character
- Antisocial
- Judgmental
- Harsh
- Blunt



- Callous
- Infamy
- Ruthless
- Vain
- Hot-headed
- Short-tempered
- Arrogant
- Mean
- 3. Obsession with bodily flaws
- 4. To stand out from the crowd
- 5. To defy beauty stereotypes
- 6. To put up with/to resign to
- 7. To overcome fears
- 8. To take smth for granted
- To leave much to be desired

## **Answer the following questions:**

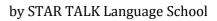
- 1. Do you like your appearance?
- 2. What do you like and hate about your face/body?
- 3. Can you name 5 character and bodily flaws that you have?
- 4. What in your appearance makes you stand out?
- 5. Do any beauty stereotypes exist in modern society? What are they?
- 6. Are people actually ruled by beauty standards imposed by society?
- 7. Do you know about eating disorders? Why do you think they appear?
- 8. Do you love your flaws?

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- 9. Can one make one's physical flaws work for them? Do you know any examples in modeling industry / show business?
- 10. Have you ever felt shy about your appearance?
- 11. Were you bullied at school for some physical flaws?/Do you know any people who were?
- 12. Do you work on your character and personality?
- 13. What character flaws do you hate in other people?
- 14. What positive character traits do you have?
- 15. What do you think of people who say they have no flaws and are perfect in all respects?
- 16. Do you think one should rely on one's good looks to achieve something? Does this scheme work in our society?
- 17. What do you think of beauty pageants?
- 18. Does the notion ugly beauty make sense to you?

## Comment on the following statements:

- "I myself am made entirely of flaws, stitched together with good intentions."
- Augusten Burroughs, Magical Thinking: True Stories
- "I don't know. Just because someone's pretty doesn't mean she's decent. Or vice versa. I'm not into appearances. I like flaws, I think they make things interesting."
- <u>Sarah Dessen</u>, <u>The Truth About Forever</u>
- "Nothing's perfect, the world's not perfect. But it's there for us, trying the best it can; that's what makes it so damn beautiful."
- <u>Hiromu Arakawa</u>, <u>Fullmetal Alchemist, Vol. 01</u>
- "Certainly paradise, whatever, wherever it be, contains flaws. (Paradisical flaws, if you like.) If it did not, it would be incapable of drawing the hearts of men or angels."
- Henry Miller, Big Sur and the Oranges of Hieronymus Bosch





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