

WHIT ARE THEY LIKE?

Use these short descriptions of fictional characters to help you describe your own characters in Scots.

Look at the words and phrases in each paragraph. Borrow them, improve them, make up your own.

There is a word list at the bottom of the page to help you make your Scots descriptions rich and memorable.

1. Her hair wis as black as nicht. Her skin wis peeliewally. Her teeth were bane-white. Her een glowed like twa burnin coals.

2. His hair wis jaggie. It looked like he'd borried it fae a hurcheon. His mooth wore a sleekit smile. His een never stapped movin. They minded her a hoolet scannin the fields for a moose.

3. She wis never crabbit. She never got angry and bealin at onybody. If somebody did somethin tae her that wid get ither folk ragin, she wid aye stey calm.

It wisnae as if she wis a wee moose. She didnae let people dicht their feet on her. She jist kent whit tae dae ivry time.

She nicht tell the ither person aff but she'd dae it quiet-like. She wis strang but on the inside. In her hert and her sowel.

Ither folk nicht go daft and bawl their heids aff when they were angert. But no her and people gied her mair respect because o it.

4. Conn had a bullet heid and shoos for hauns.

Whit dae ye get wi a heid and hauns like that? A championship swimmer, that's whit.

Conn could sweem.

Ye'd see him at the baths. He ainly ever practised in the fast lane. Intae the watter like a selkie. Nae splash, jist a plowp as he slippit intae the pool. And thae muckle big hauns scoopin the watter oot o his path.

5. The craitur's hair sheened wi creesh. It dreeped ontae its shooders, doon its back and left a trail on the groond as the craitur gaed forrit, ever forrit.

Its een were haurd tae mak oot. They nicht hae been green or black. There wis a guid chance it didnae actually hae ony een.

But it had a neb. It clearly had a neb, wan that seemed tae snowk its wey forrit. It wis as if the een didnae guide the craitur at aw but insteid it smelled its wey aroon the streets o the quiet wee toun.

Whaur wis it gaun nixt?

WORD LIST

peeliewally - pale

hurcheon - hedgehog

craabbit - grumpy

dicht - wipe

shoos - shovels

selkie - seal

craitur - creature

creesh - grease