

## 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
  9. 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?

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.”

– Sarah Dessen, *The Truth About Forever*

“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.”

– Hiromu Arakawa, *Fullmetal Alchemist, Vol. 01*

“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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