

SPEAKING: GOOD AND UGLY

Match the famous “monsters” with their pictures. One of them really existed. Which one?

- A The Monster of Dr Frankenstein.** He was created by a scientist from pieces of dead bodies. At first, he was good and only wanted to love and help others. However, his horrible appearance frightened people and they treated him badly. In the end, he became bad.



- B The Elephant Man.** When he was born, he was normal. But after he became ill at five, his body began to change into a horrible shape. He became an attraction in travelling shows. Sometimes he was treated very badly. Fortunately, a doctor began to take care of him. Later in life he became a celebrity. He was even friends with Queen Victoria.



- C Quasimodo.** He was born deformed and ugly. He was abandoned on the steps of a great church. People always made fun of him. He later fell in love with a beautiful young woman. She loved another who was, obviously, very handsome. But Quasimodo always helped her anyway.



Erik, just like the three “monsters” above suffered because of his horrible appearance. What about you? How important is a person’s physical appearance? Talk about this with your partner, and then present your ideas to the class. Use these questions to help you.

- a) *Do you want your boyfriend or girlfriend to be attractive?*
I think there are other things that can make a person attractive that have nothing to do with appearance such as personality or intelligence.
- b) *How important are the clothes a person wears?*
I think that is not very important everybody has a style and you can like it or not but you have to respect it.
- c) *Do you want your friends to be attractive? Not necessarily, I don't care if I like being with that person.*
- d) *How do you react to a person who has a serious physical disability? I react like when I'm with other people because these people are also humans and I think that they want to be treated as the rest.*

e) *How do you think most people in your school react? I think that there are all kinds of people some of them laugh at him or her and others are very kind.*