Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

Idiom of the Month

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1. Write five more things that people like to look at.
   1. sunrise
   2.
   3.
   4.
   5.
   6.

2. a Read

Wow! That dog is gorgeous.

Gorgeous? He's only got one eye and no tail!

But he's so cute!

Ah, well, beauty is in the eye of the beholder!
2b. Complete
Everyone thinks my dog is really ugly but I think he’s gorgeous – I guess ________________________________.

3. Read these idioms. Match each idiomatic phrase (a-f) to the correct definition., (1-6)
   a. My grandma always says that beauty is only skin deep: a person’s character is more important.
   b. Jenny thinks Bad Bobby is really good-looking. I suppose beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
   c. My sister is going out with her friends tonight. She’s dressed to kill.
   d. My mum was as pretty as a picture on her wedding day.
   e. My brother plays his music really loud at night. It’s terrible. I need my beauty sleep.
   f. The dog down the street is as ugly as sin – its face is squashed!

   1. ...beautiful...
   2. ...beauty is superficial...
   3. ...rest...
   4. ...glamorous...
   5. ...very unattractive...
   6. ...people have different opinions of what’s beautiful...

4. Complete these sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.
   a. I go to bed early every night because I need my ____________________________________________.
   b. We shouldn’t judge people on their looks because ____________________________________________.
   c. My granddad still says my grandma is beautiful; she’s 89! I guess it’s true that ________________________________.
   d. My little sister is _______________________, She’s beautiful.
   e. The baboons at my local safari park are _______________________. They’re hideous!
   f. Wow! Look at Jayne in her new skirt and heels – she’s ________________________________.

5. Talk to a partner. Discuss famous people and say who you think is attractive.
Teacher's Notes

1. Suggested answers:
   mountains    pets    fashion    other people    art.

2. b.
   Everyone thinks my dog is really ugly but I think he's gorgeous – I guess **beauty is in the eye of the beholder**.

3.
   a — 2
   b — 6
   c — 4
   d — 1
   e — 3
   f — 5

4.
   a. I go to bed early every night because I need my **beauty sleep**.
   b. We shouldn’t judge people on their looks because beauty is only skin deep.
   c. My granddad still says my grandma is beautiful; she’s 89! I guess it’s true that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
   d. My little sister is as pretty as a picture. She’s beautiful.
   e. The baboons at my local safari park are as ugly as sin. They’re hideous!
   f. Wow! Look at Jayne in her new skirt and heels- she’s dressed to kill.

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