

1B SONG Ugly

- a Look at the song and the words in the list. Then listen to the song and complete the gaps with an adjective or noun.

Adjectives: bad beautiful comfortable jealous shorter ~~strange~~ taller ugly

Nouns: body eyes hair life personality smile

Ugly

When I was seven they said I was ¹ strange
 I noticed that my ² eyes and
³ teeth weren't the same.
 I asked my parents if I was OK
 They said you're more ⁴ beautiful and that's the
 way
 They show that they wish that they had your
⁵ body
 So my confidence was up for a while,
 I got real ⁶ comfortable with my own style
 I knew that they were only ⁷ jealous 'cause

Chorus

People are all the same
 And we only get judged by what we do
⁸ our appearance reflects name
 And if I'm ⁹ unfair then so are you,
 so are you

There was a time when I felt like I cared
 That I was ¹⁰ happier than everyone there
 People made me feel like ¹¹ being ugly was unfair
 And I did things that made me ashamed
 'Cause I didn't know my ¹² parents would change
 I grew ¹³ taller than them in more ways
 But there will always be the one who will say
 Something bad to make them feel great.

Chorus (x2)

Everybody talks ¹⁴ bad about somebody and
 Never realizes how it affects somebody and
 You bet it won't be forgotten
 Envy is the only thing it could be

Chorus



- b Listen again and read the lyrics. Use the glossary to help you. Then choose the correct alternatives to make a summary of the song.

Ugly is about a girl who grows up feeling ¹ **happy** / **worried** about her ² **appearance** / **parents**. She feels ³ **different from** / **the same** as people around her. Some people say ⁴ **kind** / **unkind** things about her. As she becomes ⁵ **older** / **richer**, she feels a lot more ⁶ **confident** / **jealous** about herself and her life.

SONG FACTS

Ugly was a hit single for the Sugababes in many countries in 2005 and 2006. The band recorded the song after negative comments about them in British newspapers. Sugababes used a line from this song as the name of their fourth album, *Taller in More Ways*.

GLOSSARY

my confidence was up = I felt good about myself
 comfortable with my own style = I liked the way I looked
 we get judged by what we do = our actions are important, not our appearance
 So are you = you are too.
 unfair = not treating people equally

ashamed = feeling bad about things you have done
 grew taller ... in more ways = a better person
 realize how it affects somebody = see the results of your actions
 you bet = you can be sure
 envy = feeling jealous of another person

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 1B

A)

2.- eyes

3.- hair

4.- beautiful

5.- smile

6.- comfortable

7.- jealus

8.- Personality

9.- ugly

10.- shorter

11.- life

12.- body

13.- taller

14.- bad

B)

1.- worried

2.- appearance

3.- different from

4.- unkind

5.- older

6.- confident