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



The Elephant man existed. He was called Joseph Carey Merrick but as we can see, was also known as the Elephant man because of his deformations which started when he has only 18 months. Anyone of his family suffer any type of deformations. After his death, the scientists discovered that he had proteus syndrome discovered in 1979. It is not a common syndrome. He had a lot of difficulties during his life because of his deformations. He had a lump in the upper lip, his right arm and leg were also deformed and his cranium growth; and this disallow him to eat and walk. He died in the age of 27, while he was sleeping.

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 .

• Do you want you boyfriend or girlfriend to be attractive?

From my point of view, this is not especially important. Before knowing a person the only thing you look is his/her beauty but once you meet him/her you take more importance in other things such as his personality, his upbringing, his values...

• How important are the clothes a person wears?

From lot of people this seem a nonsense but for me is quite important. The clothes that a person wears can be related with his

personality. Sometimes it can be tricky but in general it always concords.

• **Do you want your friends to be attractive?**

No, for me this is not a point to keep in mind.

• **How do you react to a person who has a serious physical disability?**

At first, that will surprise me because it is not something very common in our day lives. In fact, I think I would get used to it and I won't matter his/her aspect. The aspect of a person doesn't say anything about him/her.

• **How do you think most people in your school react?**

I think that most people would react as me. However, some others would laugh at her.