- c) Have you ever noticed beautiful people outside? What kind of people were they?
- 4. a) You are going to describe someone you think is beautiful.

Brainstorm what you could say about this person's face, eyes, nose, mouth, hair, body, clothes, moves, character or interests.

Think what exactly you would like to talk about.

b) Take notes to plan your writing.

## LESSON 9. Fishing for a compliment

Communicative area: saying compliments, small talk Active vocabulary: compliment

1. Read the definition below. Then discuss the questions in pairs.

To say a **compliment** is to say something nice to people, usually about their appearance or something they do.

- 1. How often do you say compliments? 2. How often do you hear compliments? 3. What do you answer when someone says something nice to you?
- 2. a) Listen to the small talk at a party and follow in the book. How many people are talking?
- **A.** Barbara! Look at you! Your hair looks fantastic! Have you been to the hairdresser's?
  - Thank you, Tina! Your party is great!
- B. You look so handsome, Brian! I haven't seen you wearing a jacket before!
  - Thanks, Barbara! Have you seen Paul anywhere?

- C. Hi, Paul! You look a bit pale! Are you feeling well?
  - Just a little tired. Don't worry.
  - Would you like anything to drink?
  - No, thank you. That's very kind of you, Barbara!
  - That's all right. And, Paul! Brian was looking for you.
- **D.** Hello, Tina! You look slightly different. Is it your hair?
  - It's freckles, I think. I've just come from the seaside.
  - Mmm. You look lovely!
  - Thank you, Brian. I like your glasses.
- E. Hi, Brian! Nice shoes!
  - They are new! Look at Tina! She's so pretty!
  - And Barbara's got such a friendly smile.
  - She looks like an angel with those curls.
  - But Barbara's got straight hair!
  - I'm talking about Tina.
  - b) Read the conversations again.
  - Find different ways to give a compliment.

Are all the compliments about appearance? What else can you compliment people on? Give examples.

- Read out different ways to answer a compliment.
- Do you have to answer a compliment with a compliment? What else can you say? Give some examples.
  - **⊘** c) Listen to the compliments and repeat. Mind the intonation.
  - d) Work in groups of four. Role-play the conversations.
- 3. a) Make a list of compliments for your classmates.
  - b) Imagine you are at a party. Walk around the class and exchange the compliments!