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ENGLISH REFERENCE SHEET

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Describing Words

big, small, hot, cold and more.

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In this sheet you will

- learn 10 describing words and their opposites
- say a big bag, hot tea
- talk about the weather: It is cold today.

Next sheet: BG22 Action Words: eat, drink, go, sit

About this series

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LEARN 10 describing words: opposites

 a big bag	 hot tea	 old shoes	a long pencil	 a full bottle
 a small bag	 cold water	 new shoes	a short pencil	 an empty bottle

big ↔ small hot ↔ cold old ↔ new long ↔ short full ↔ empty

LISTEN Listen to your teacher. Circle the word.

Teacher: *the script is in the teacher area. Audio: Quick Fix Listening, BG21.*

1	big	small
2	hot	cold
3	old	new
4	long	short
5	full	empty

SAY IT Listen and repeat. Then ask your partner.



It is hot today.



It is cold today.

A Is it hot today?
B No, it is **cold**. My coat is **new**.
A Is your bag big?
B No, it is **small**.

Your turn. Ask your partner about the weather and their things. Change roles. **Is your bag big?**

READ Read about Saima.



Saima lives in Manchester.
It is winter. It is cold.
Saima has a new coat.
She has a big scarf.
She drinks hot tea.

1. **Is Saima's coat old or new? Circle.**
   old **new**
2. **What does she drink?**
   She drinks _____.

PRACTISE 1. Match the opposites. Draw a line. Then write the pairs.

big	hot	old	long	full
cold	empty	small	new	short
_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____

2. Look. Write the describing word.

 a _____ bag	 _____ tea	 _____ shoes	 an _____ bottle

USE IT Write about your things. Then tell your partner.

My bag is _____.

My shoes are _____.

Today it is _____.

I CAN Tick Yes or Not yet.

I can use 10 describing words.	Yes	Not yet
I can say opposites: big and small.	Yes	Not yet
I can say: It is hot today.	Yes	Not yet