### APC English

### modifiers

APC English 2

#### what are modifiers?

A modifier is a word or group of words that gives more information about a noun or a verb.

It helps us answer questions like

which one? what kind?

how? when?

where? how much?"

### modifier example 1

### adjective modifier

a tall building

"tall" gives more information about "building"



### modifier example 2

### adverb modifier



she runs quickly

"quickly" gives more information about "runs"

### modifier example 2

### prepositional phrase modifier



the book on the table

"on the table" gives more information about which book

#### modifier - common mistakes



- 1. He runs quick.
- 2. the on the table book
- 3. She speaks good.
- 4. I have a red big bag.
- 5. They work in slowly way.
- 6. The dog is very angry extremely.
- 7. He went to home quickly.



- 1. He runs quickly.
- 2. the book on the table
- 3. She speaks well.
- 4. I have a big red bag.
- 5. They work slowly.
- 6. The dog is extremely angry. (put the adverb before the adjective.)
- 7. He went home quickly. ("Home" does not take "to".)

## listening exercise

I'm broke, but I'm
I'm poor, but I'm
I'm short, but I'm healthy, yeah
I'm high, but I'm grounded
I'm sane, but I'm overwhelmed
I'm lost, but I'm \_\_\_\_\_, baby

And what it all comes down to
Is that everything's gonna be fine, fine, fine
'Cause I've got one hand in my pocket
And the other one is giving a high five

I feel drunk, but I'm \_\_\_\_\_ I'm young and I'm \_\_\_\_ I'm tired, but I'm working, yeah I care, but I'm \_\_\_\_ I'm here, but I'm really gone I'm wrong and I'm sorry, baby

And what it all comes down to
Is that everything's gonna be quite alright
'Cause I've got one hand in my pocket
And the other one is flicking a cigarette

And what it all comes down to
Is that I haven't got it all figured out just yet
'Cause I've got one hand in my pocket
And the other one is giving a peace sign

I'm free, but I'm \_\_\_\_\_
I'm green, but I'm \_\_\_\_
I'm hard, but I'm friendly, baby
I'm sad, but I'm \_\_\_\_
I'm brave, but I'm chicken ....
I'm sick, but I'm \_\_\_\_, baby

And what it all boils down to
Is that no one's really got it figured out just yet
Well, I've got one hand in my pocket
And the other one is playing a piano
And what it all comes down to my friends, yeah
Is that everything is just fine, fine
'Cause I've got one hand in my pocket
And the other one is hailing a taxi cab

## Hand in My Pocket by Alanis Morissette

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUjIY\_XxF1g

focused happy hopeful kind laughing pretty restless sober underpaid wise

### modifier exercises

1 Complete the table. Use the words in the box.	Rewrite the sentences. Use the more		
medium height handsome dark good-looking young short (x2) straight attractive tall fair middle-aged bald pretty medium length slim curly overweight wavy in his / her thirties	polite expressions in the box.  very tall  in their eighties very good-looking  very slim		
Size medium height,,,	1 She's short.		
	1 Shes short.		
General <u>handsome</u> ,,,	She isn't <u>very tall</u>		
appearance	2 He's thin.		
Age young,,	He's		
Hair,	3 She's fat.		
	She's		
2 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words.	4 He's ugly.		
1 She's got <u>blue</u> eyes. (fair blue slim)	He isn't		
2 They're in sixties. (his our their)			
3 He's very (pretty good-looking wavy)	5 They're very old.		
4 She's very (tall long medium height)	They're		
5 He's got a (short hair beard bald)	<i>y</i>		

### Complete the description of the woman delete the wrong words

My wife's 'young / old – she's in her 'twenties / fifties.
She's quite 'short / tall and 'slim / overweight.
She's got green eyes and 'short / medium-length, 'fair / dark hair – it's 'curly / straight. I think she's very 'pretty / handsome.

### Complete the description of the man.

My husband is in his ¹th<u>irties</u>. He's medium ²h\_\_\_\_\_ and he's a bit ³o\_\_\_\_\_. He's got brown eyes and ⁴s\_\_\_\_\_, ⁵d\_\_\_\_\_ hair – it's quite <sup>6</sup>w\_\_\_\_\_. I think he's quite <sup>7</sup>g\_\_\_\_\_.



## writing exercise

medium height	handsome	dark	good-looking	young
short (x2)	straight	attractive	tall	fair
middle-aged	bald	pretty	medium length	slim
curly	overweight	wavy	in his / her thirties	

### Describe a friend or family member

I want to describe my	 •
He'd / She's	
(age)	
(eyes / height)	
(hair)	 
(general appearance)	

good-looking young dark medium height handsome fair tall attractive straight short (x2) medium length slim pretty middle-aged bald in his / her thirties overweight wavy curly

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I want to describe my \_\_\_\_\_My brother\_\_\_\_\_

He's / She's

(age) older than me.

(eyes / height) He has blue eyes and is very tall (about 186 cms),

(hair) and has light brown hair.

(general appearance) He looks friendly, but serious.

He does not dress smartly, but he always dressed better than me.

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# Thank you! any questions?