

## Language and discussion

With a partner, mark the following on a scale of 1 to 10 in the following way:

- 1 = Fine – no problem  
10 = Horrible – a real turn-off

false teeth	bad breath	bad dandruff
acne	completely bald	a tattoo
a missing limb	a hairy mole	a beard
extremely short	overweight	a moustache
thick body hair	very thin	a big beer belly
huge nose	hairy legs	bites fingernails
BO (body odour)	spits when (s)he speaks	a heavy smoker
pierced tongue	pierced navel	pierced nipples

1. Have you ever been out with someone who had any of these problems or features?
2. Do you know anyone who has had a partner with any of these problems?
3. Is there anything that you would add to the list?
4. Would you ever go out with someone who had any of these problems? What advice would you give them?

## Discussion

**Work in pairs. How far do you agree or disagree with these rules for personal hygiene?**

1. Wear clean underwear and socks every day.
2. Floss and brush your teeth after every meal.
3. Change your toothbrush every two weeks.
4. Wash your hands after going to the toilet.
5. Wash your hands before you eat anything.
6. Shower morning and night.
7. Wash your hair once a week.
8. Use lots of deodorant.
9. Men – shave every day.
10. Women – keep those legs and armpits smooth.

**How would you react on a first date if you went back to your friend's flat and found:**

- a. porn magazines under the sofa
- b. a kitchen full of dirty dishes
- c. a large alsatian dog
- d. the whole flat immaculately clean and tidy
- e. two children from a previous marriage
- f. a large collection of opera CDs
- g. lots of expensive antique furniture

**Would any of these put you off your new friend?**

**Would you be more attracted to him/her because of any of them?**



*“Stay! The night is young and you are enormous.”*