

Descriptions of Queen Elizabeth

Features	Letter A	Letter B	Ambassadors' letters	Word	Meaning
<p>What words and phrases in the letters tell us about her:</p> <p>age</p> <p>body</p> <p>bosom</p> <p>ears</p> <p>eyes</p> <p>face</p> <p>hair</p> <p>hands</p> <p>head</p> <p>height</p> <p>jewels</p> <p>lips</p> <p>nose</p> <p>teeth</p> <p>walk</p>			<p><i>What should they write to their masters, the Kings of France and Spain, about the Queen? The ambassadors scratched their ears, dipped their quill pens in the ink, and tried to paint in words a picture of what she was like. The two accounts were written some thirty years apart - what idea do they give you of Elizabeth?</i></p> <p>Letter A Shee was a Lady, upon whom nature had bestowed, and well placed, many of her fayrest favores; of stature mean, slender, streight, and amiably composed; of such state in her carriage, as every motion of her seemed to beare majesty: her Hair was inclined to pale yellow, her foreheade large and faire, a seemeing sete for princely grace; her eyes lively and sweete, but short-sighted; her nose somewhat rising in the midst; the whole compasse of her countenance somewhat long, but yet of an admirable beauty, not so much in that which is tearmed the flower of youth, as in a most delighfull composition of majesty and modesty in equall mixture.</p> <p>Letter B Next came the queen, in the sixty-sixth year of her age, as we were told, very majestic; her face, oblong, fair but wrinkled; her eyes small yet black and pleasant; her nose a little hooked; her lips narrow, and her teeth black. She had in her ears two pearls, with very rich drops; she wore false hair, and that red; upon her head she had a small crown... Her bosom was uncoverd, as all the English ladies have it; till they marry; and she had on a necklace, of exceeding fine jewels; her hands were small, her fingers long, and her stature neither tall nor low.</p>	<p>admirable</p> <p>amiably</p> <p>beare</p> <p>bestowed</p> <p>bosom</p> <p>uncovered</p> <p>carriage</p> <p>compasse</p> <p>composed</p> <p>composition</p> <p>countenance</p> <p>delightfull</p> <p>equall</p> <p>exceeding</p> <p>favores</p> <p>fayrest</p> <p>foreheade</p> <p>grace</p> <p>inclined</p> <p>majesty</p> <p>mean</p> <p>middest</p> <p>mixture</p> <p>modesty</p> <p>motion</p> <p>nature</p> <p>placed</p> <p>pleasant</p> <p>seemeing</p> <p>sete</p> <p>slender</p> <p>state</p> <p>stature</p> <p>streight</p> <p>tearmed</p>	<p>to be admired</p> <p>pleasantly</p> <p>show</p> <p>given</p> <p>breast</p> <p>bare</p> <p>walk</p> <p>shape</p> <p>sight</p> <p>picture</p> <p>look</p> <p>lovely</p> <p>the same</p> <p>very</p> <p>gifts</p> <p>loveliest</p> <p>brow</p> <p>gracefulness</p> <p>almost</p> <p>like a queen</p> <p>medium</p> <p>middle</p> <p>amounts</p> <p>shyness</p> <p>movement</p> <p>fate</p> <p>put, given</p> <p>nice, sweet</p> <p>proper</p> <p>place</p> <p>thin</p> <p>kind of</p> <p>height</p> <p>straight</p> <p>called</p>