

Avatars—Elementary

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

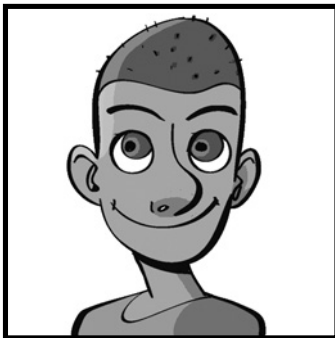
An **avatar** is a graphical representation of a person or a character. It can be used to represent yourself or another person, an animal or an animated character.

Many teenagers create avatars to use on social networking sites or on their personal blogs. Some people prefer to use anonymous avatars instead of their real photo.

1. What is an avatar?
2. Do you have an avatar? Does it look anything like you?

Let's analyse

A Look at two different avatars. Answer the questions in groups.



1. What does he look like?
2. What does she look like?
3. Do you use avatars on social networks instead of a photo? Why/Why not?
4. Why do some people choose to use a thumbnail that is not a photo of themselves?

GLOSSARY

Thumbnail: a smaller, reduced image or photo used on social networking sites such as Twitter™ and Facebook™.

Anonymous: when a person is not identified by either a name or an image. You don't know who they are.

Let's do it!

- Step 1** Go online and search for a free avatar creator tool.
- Step 2** Will your avatar represent you or another person?
- Step 3** Create your avatar. Try to add accessories, clothes or character adjectives that you have been learning in this unit.
- Step 4** When you have created your avatar, open a new document and copy and paste it there. Write a description of your avatar, including an explanation of any accessories or clothing that they are wearing.
- Step 5** If you have created a talking avatar, you can record your description. Try to use your own voice – don't be shy!
- Step 6** Share the link to your avatar with your teacher and classmates.