



DESCRIBING APPEARANCE



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Adjectives for describing appearance

Find the meaning of the following adjectives in a dictionary.

Hair type: straight, curly, wavy, short, long

Hair colour: Blond, dark, Brown, Grey

Skin type: dark, tanned, pale, spotty

Body type: tall, short, slim, overweight, muscular, thin

Now look at the people below and complete the descriptions.





1. The girl in the picture on the left has got very straight/wavy , blond/black hair. She looks slim/overweight and her skin is quite pale/tanned.
2. The man in the middle looks slim/overweight . He has long/short, black/blond hair and his skin is quite pale/dark.
3. The woman on the right looks quite muscular/overweight . She has straight/curly blond/brown hair and her skin is rather pale/tanned.

Work in pairs. Take turns to describe your family members. Try to use *qualifying adverbs* such as rather, quite, a little, very, etc. For example:

"My sister is quite slim. She has long dark hair and rather pale skin ..."

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Opposites

Match the adjectives on the left with their opposites on the right.

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| 1. beautiful | a. short |
| 2. fat | b. thin |
| 3. strong | c. ugly |
| 4. old | d. weak |
| 5. tall | e. young |

Four of the words above can be used in a critical or negative way. Which ones?

Match them to the more polite adjectives below.

slim overweight plain mature

3

Asking about appearance

Work in pairs. Think of a famous actor or actress, but don't tell your partner his/her name. Your partner must ask the questions below to find out who the person is. Change roles and repeat the exercise.

- Is he/she handsome/beautiful?
- What colour is his/her hair?
- Is he/she tall/short/overweight ...?
- Does he/she have curly/wavy/straight hair?
- Does he/she have tanned/pale/dark/spotty skin?



4

Changing your appearance

Match the sentences below to the pictures.

1. She is putting on make-up.
2. He is getting dressed.
3. She is brushing her hair.
4. He is shaving.
5. He is having a haircut.
6. He is combing his hair.

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Work in pairs. Tell your partner how often you change your appearance using the vocabulary from this exercise, for example:

I put on makeup every day.

I never put on makeup.