

Describing appearance

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PRE-INTERMEDIATE

 American English

1 Adjectives for describing appearance

Find the meaning of the following adjectives in a dictionary.

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

Hair color: Blond, dark, Brown, Grey

Skin type: dark, tan, pale, freckled

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 straight/wavy , blond/dark hair. She looks slim/overweight and her skin is rather pale/tan.
2. The man in the middle looks slim/overweight . He has long/short, black/blond hair and his skin is very freckled/pale.
3. The woman on the right looks very muscular/overweight . She has straight/curly blond/brown hair and her skin is really pale/tan.

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

"My sister is really slim. She has long, dark hair and very pale skin ..."



2 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 has to ask the questions below to find out who the person is. Change roles and repeat the exercise.

- Is he/she handsome/beautiful?
- What color is his/her hair?
- Is he/she tall/short/overweight ...?
- Does he/she have curly/wavy/straight hair?
- Does he/she have tan/pale/freckled skin?

4 Changing your appearance

Match the sentences below to the pictures on the next page.

1. She is putting on makeup.
2. He is getting dressed.
3. She is brushing her hair.
4. He is shaving.
5. He is getting 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.

