

# People's appearance

 Lesson code: 83S9-NQ5B-9K9D-1

INTERMEDIATE

## 1 Describing appearance

Study the following adjectives and put them into the correct categories below:

curly      curvy      dark      dyed      fat      ginger      hairy      oval  
overweight   pale      pretty      spotty      straight      tanned      thin      wavy

Hair: \_\_\_\_\_  
Body: \_\_\_\_\_  
Skin: \_\_\_\_\_  
Face: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Describe the pictures

Look at the pictures and choose the correct words to complete the texts:



- The girl in the left picture is rather pretty/hairy . Her hair is straight/wavy, blond/ginger and long/shoulder-length. She's got pale/dark skin and a rather round/spotty face.
- The man on the right looks slim/overweight . His skin is quite pale/tanned, he has a round/an oval face and he is clean-shaven/has a beard. His hair is shaven/medium-length and grey/dyed.

**In pairs, take turns to choose a famous person from the list below, but don't tell your partner. Describe his/her appearance. Your partner should try to guess the person you have chosen.**

Barrack Obama      Bill Gates      Brad Pitt      George Clooney      Lady Gaga  
Madonna      Michael Jordan      Nelson Mandela      Nicole Kidman      Prince William



### 3 Opposites

Study the descriptions on the left and complete their opposites on the right.

dark                  fair                  long                  muscular                  narrow                  thin

1. dark hair - \_\_\_\_\_ hair
2. broad shoulders - \_\_\_\_\_ shoulders
3. short hair - \_\_\_\_\_ hair
4. pale skin - \_\_\_\_\_ skin
5. full lips - \_\_\_\_\_ lips
6. a slim build - a \_\_\_\_\_ build

### 4 Say it nicely

Replace the underlined adjectives with more suitable/polite ones from the list:

mature                  overweight                  plain                  stocky                  thin

1. Claudia looks amazing nowadays! A few years ago she was really fat.
2. Have you seen Ryan's new girlfriend? I think she's very ugly!
3. Karen is definitely too skinny. She needs to eat more.
4. Loren's brother is rather short and fat, don't you think?
5. Simon looks quite old with his grey hair.

### 5 True or false

Study the pictures and put T (True) or F (False) next to each of the statements on the next page. Correct the statements that are false.



1. The girl is overweight.
2. The guy is well-built with broad shoulders.
3. The guy and the girl have rather pale skin.
4. The girl has a **scar** on her left arm.
5. The girl has long, straight hair.
6. The guy has fair shoulder-length hair.
7. The girl looks short and plain.
8. The guy doesn't have any **distinguishing marks** on his face.
9. The guy has a beard.

## 6 Changing your appearance

Complete the sentences below with the following verbs in the correct form. One of the verbs is used twice.

comb      dye      grow      have      lose      put on      shave      tan

1. Her hair looks different today. I think she \_\_\_\_\_ it blond.
2. You look like a grizzly bear! \_\_\_\_\_ that beard!
3. Debbie needs to \_\_\_\_\_ her legs. They are as white as a sheet!
4. John wants to \_\_\_\_\_ a moustache to look older.
5. You look fantastic. \_\_\_\_\_ weight?
6. This dress doesn't fit you anymore. I'm afraid you \_\_\_\_\_ too much weight.
7. It's impossible to use the bathroom when Jill is in there. It takes her almost an hour to \_\_\_\_\_ her makeup!
8. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ your hair. It's a mess!
9. It is very common for celebrities to \_\_\_\_\_ plastic surgery in order to look younger.

## 7 Talking point

Discuss any of the following questions:

1. How does your appearance influence the opinion that people have about you? Talk about some situations, e.g. at a job interview, party etc.
2. Is there too much pressure on young people to look good?
3. What physical characteristics do you find attractive?

## 8 Review

Review the words from this lesson with the Expemo memorization system. Go to [www.lingua.com](http://www.lingua.com), enter Lesson code: 83S9-NQ5B-9K9D-1, and add the lesson to your knowledge collection.



**1 Describing appearance**

Hair: straight, dark, wavy, curly, ginger  
 Body: thin, fat, overweight, curvy, hairy  
 Skin: dark, tanned, pale  
 Face: round, oval, spotty, pretty

**2 Describe the pictures**

1. pretty, straight, blond, shoulder-length, pale, round
2. slim, tanned, oval, clean-shaven, medium-length, grey

**3 Opposites**

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|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| 1. fair | 2. narrow | 3. long | 4. dark | 5. thin | 6. muscular |
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**4 Say it nicely**

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|---------------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. overweight | 2. plain | 3. thin | 4. stocky | 5. mature |
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**5 True or false**

*Pre-teach the words in bold if necessary.*

1. F - The girl is slim.
2. F - The guy is slim with narrow shoulders.
3. T
4. F - The girl has a tattoo on her left arm.
5. T
6. F - The guy has short, black hair.
7. F - The girl looks tall and pretty.
8. T
9. F - He is clean-shaven

**6 Changing your appearance**

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|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. has dyed | 2. Shave         | 3. tan         |
| 4. grow     | 5. Have you lost | 6. have put on |
| 7. put on   | 8. comb          | 9. have        |

