

I can talk about appearance

A Male appearance



He's got **broad shoulders**¹ and is **well built**.



He's tall and **skinny**, but he's **in good shape**.



He's got thick **eyebrows**² and **stubble**³. He's **dark-skinned**⁴.
OPP **light-** OR **pale-skinned**.



He's quite **plump**, with a **fattish** face.



He's **clean-shaven** and **bald**⁵. He has a **scar**⁶ on his head.



He's **going bald** OR
He's **losing his hair** OR
His hair's **receding**.

Glossary

male Men and boys are **male**, women and girls are **female** (a person's **sex** is male or female).

well built with a solid, strong body. SYN **stocky**.

skinny very thin, but not in an attractive way.

in good/bad shape in good/bad physical condition.

plump quite fat, in a nice way.

fattish quite fat. (See spotlight, next page.)

clean-shaven without a beard or moustache.

1 One letter is missing from each word. Write the words correctly.

► skiny skinny

1 eyebrows _____

2 fatish _____

3 sca _____

4 brod shoulders _____

5 subble _____

6 clean-shave _____

7 in good sape _____

2 Similar or different? Write S or D.

► fattish | plump S

1 skinny | dark-skinned _____

2 in good shape | in good condition _____

3 go bald | be bald _____

4 stocky | well built _____

5 dark-skinned | pale-skinned _____

6 stubble | a scar _____

7 pale-skinned | light-skinned _____

8 He's losing his hair. | His hair's receding. _____

9 male | female _____

3 Complete the questions. You will write your answers to the questions in Exercise 4.

In your family:

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

1 who's in good s _____ ?

2 who's going b _____ ?

3 who's c _____ -shaven?

4 who's got broad s _____ ?

5 who's well b _____ ?

6 who's sk _____ ?

7 who's dark-s _____ ?

8 who's got a s _____ on their body? _____

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

4 ABOUT YOUR FAMILY Write your answers to Exercise 3, or ask a friend to write them for you.

B Female appearance



This is my mother at 27 when she **was pregnant**; in fact, she was **expecting** me. She had a **pretty, roundish** face with beautiful **smooth skin** and long hair.



Here's Mum now; she looks **tanned**. She's still **slim** with a good **figure**. Her **appearance** hasn't changed much, but she's got a few **wrinkles**¹, she's **going grey**, and her hair's much shorter and **neater**. She wears **contact lenses**, and you can't tell that she's nearly 60.

spotlight -ish

The suffix **-ish** is used with some adjectives to mean 'quite'. A **roundish** face is a face which is quite round. Also: **tallish**, **youngish**, **fattish**, etc.

Glossary

be pregnant • SYN **be expecting a baby**.

pretty • attractive and nice to look at (used especially about girls or young women).

smooth • with a completely flat surface. OPP **rough**.

skin • Your **skin** covers your body.

tanned • having brown skin after spending time in the sun. **tan** N.

slim • thin in an attractive way. SYN **slender**.

figure • the shape of a woman's body.

appearance • the way sb looks.

go grey • become grey-haired or white-haired.

OR **white**

neat • tidy and carefully arranged.

contact lenses • small round pieces of plastic you wear in your eyes to help you see better.

tell sth • know or guess sth.

6 True or false? Write T or F.

► If your hair is neat, it's tidy. **T**

1 Contact lenses are the same as glasses. _____

2 Skin can be rough or smooth. _____

3 A tallish person is very tall. _____

4 A pregnant woman has just had a baby. _____

5 You get tanned sitting in the sun. _____

6 Everyone has a good figure. _____

7 You usually use 'pretty' to describe a man. _____

8 Your hair can go white or grey. _____

7 Complete the sentences.

► Does she wear contact lenses ?

1 Her _____ has gone grey, and it's completely changed her _____.

2 She's still very slim, so you can't _____ she's _____ a baby in July.

3 I'm feeling so old these days – look at these _____ around my eyes!

4 My baby's skin is so _____ to touch, but my hands are really _____.

5 She's got a beautiful figure: she's tall and _____.

6 You can _____ she's been on holiday – she's got a lovely _____.