

11 Describing people

A Height and weight

How tall is she? She's ...

Is he thin or fat? He's ...

How much does he weigh?



tall



average height



short



slim



average weight



overweight

GLOSSARY

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| height | (sounds like <i>white</i>) how tall sb is: <i>She's 175 cm tall.</i> OR <i>She's 175 cm in height. cm = centimetres</i> |
| weigh | <i>He weighs 60 kg.</i> OR <i>He's 60 kg in weight. kg = kilos</i> |
| slim | thin, but slim is more positive |
| weight | (sounds the same as <i>wait</i>) describes how heavy sb or sth is |
| put on weight | become heavier/fatter OPP lose weight |

SPOTLIGHT *quite*

Quite is a very common word, and it means 'not very'.

- *She's quite tall.* (= not very tall but more than average height)
- *He plays the piano quite well.* (= not very well but better than OK)

1 True or false? Write T or F.

- ▶ If you are **overweight**, you aren't slim. T
- 1 **Average height** means not fat and not slim.
- 2 **Quite thin** and **very thin** are the same.
- 3 **Put on weight** and **lose weight** are opposites.
- 4 If someone is **fat**, they are **overweight**.
- 5 The answer to *How much does he weigh?* is *200 cm*.
- 6 *How tall are you?* is a correct question.
- 7 **Average weight** means quite slim.
- 8 **Thin** and **slim** mean the same, but **thin** is more positive.
- 9 If you **lose weight**, you get thinner.
- 10 **Average height** and **average weight** are the same.

2 Complete the dialogues. Don't use the words in *italics* in your answer.

- ▶ Is he quite short? ~ No, he's very tall.
- 1 She's not tall or short, really. ~ No, she's average
- 2 Are they quite *thin*? ~ Yes, they're both very
- 3 Is he **overweight**? ~ Yes, he's getting a bit
- 4 Is she very slim? ~ No, but she's slim.
- 5 Max is looking a bit fat. ~ I know. He has 10 kilos.
- 6 Is he about average weight? ~ I think so. He 75 kg.
- 7 Scarlet isn't very tall, is she? ~ No, actually she's quite
- 8 Ben is looking very slim. ~ Yes, he has a lot of weight.
- 9 This box is very heavy. ~ Is it? How does it weigh?
- 10 Is Willie very tall? ~ No, but he's tall.



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B Features



1 a good-looking man with dark curly hair and a beard



2 a pretty teenager with long blonde hair and a lovely smile



3 a very attractive woman with straight fair hair



4 a middle-aged man with short grey hair

GLOSSARY

| | |
|-------------|---|
| feature(s) | an important part of sth, e.g. <i>your face, your eyes</i> |
| teenager | a person between the ages of 13 and 19 <i>teenage adj</i> |
| lovely | beautiful or very nice: <i>a lovely smile/dress</i> |
| smile | (see picture 2) Smile is also a verb: <i>He smiled at me.</i> |
| middle-aged | about 45 to 60 years old |

SPOTLIGHT *good-looking, beautiful, etc.*

For a woman, we can say *beautiful* or (very) *good-looking/ attractive*. For a man, we usually say *good-looking* or *handsome*. For girls especially, we can say *beautiful*, but we often use *pretty*.

3 Look at the pictures. True or false? Write T or F. If false, correct the mistake.

- The girl isn't a teenager. F - She is a teenager.
- 1 She's got a lovely smile. _____
- 2 She's got dark hair. _____
- 3 It's also quite short. _____
- 4 The young man isn't handsome. _____
- 5 He's got dark hair. _____
- 6 The woman has got blonde hair. _____
- 7 Her hair is straight. _____
- 8 She's beautiful. _____
- 9 The other man is old. _____
- 10 His hair is dark. _____

4 Complete the words in the texts.

My sister (15): ► is a teenager. She's very (1) pr_____, with (2) d_____ brown hair, and she has a lovely (3) sm_____, which is one of her best (4) fe_____.

My brother (18): is also a (5) te_____. He's very (6) g_____-I_____ and he knows it. He's got short (7) st_____ hair, and no (8) be_____.

My father (52): is (9) m_____-a_____ now. I think he's still a (10) ha_____ man, but his hair is quite (11) gr_____.

My mother (50): has short (12) bl_____ hair. She was (13) be_____ when she was young and she is still very (14) at_____.

Me (20): I am no longer a (15) t_____ boy. I'm different from my sister because I've got (16) f_____ hair, and different from my brother because my hair is (17) cu_____. And I'm also different from them because, unfortunately, I'm not very (18) g_____.

5 ABOUT YOU Write two or three sentences describing yourself using some of the vocabulary from this page. Then look at the pictures again. Do you think the four people are beautiful/handsome/ attractive? If possible, talk to someone else about them.



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