# Appearance



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| **appearance** *(n)* | **hairdryer** *(n)* | **shampoo** *(n)* |
| **attractive** *(adj)* | **handsome** *(adj)* | **shave** *(v)* |
| **beard** *(n)* | **height** *(n)* | **skin** *(n)* |
| **curly** *(adj)* | **make-up** *(n)* | **slim** *(adj)* |
| **cute** *(adj)* | **moustache** *(n)* | **sporty** *(adj)* |
| **dye** *(v)* | **muscle** *(n)* | **straight** *(adj)* |
| **expression** *(n)* | **nail** *(n)* | **tan** *(n)* |
| **fair** *(adj)* | **natural** *(adj)* | **thin** *(adj)* |
| **good-looking** *(adj)* | **ordinary** *(adj)* | **unattractive** *(adj)* |
| **haircut** *(n)* | **physically** *(adv)* | **well dressed** *(adj)* |

**A Complete the descriptions using words from the vocabulary list above.**

1 She's got a new _____ .

2 a young man with a long _____

3 I shower and _____ each morning.

4 There's a _____ in your room.

5 a girl with _____ , black hair

6 He's got _____ , blond hair.

7 a tall guy with a _____

8 What _____ do you use?

9 I don't wear a lot of _____ .

In British English, ***blond*** is usually used to describe a man's hair colour, and ***blonde*** is usually used for a woman's.

**B Complete the comments using words from the box.**

appearance dye fair nails natural skin tan

"I think some people spend too much time trying to change their [1]_____ . They [2]_____ their hair different colours and they paint the [3]_____ on their fingers and toes. Personally, I prefer a more [4]_____ look."

"Lots of people want to have the perfect [5]_____ . Even if they're naturally [6]_____ with blond hair, they sit out in the sun for hours. It's worrying. Too much sun is bad for your [7]_____ and it can cause health problems."

**C Match the definitions (1–9) to the words (a–i).**

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| 1 Helen has dyed | **a** straight, dark hair. |
| 2 The man behind the counter had a grey | **b** make-up at all. |
| 3 Both boys have got short, | **c** her hair black. |
| 4 In the photos, she isn't wearing any | **d** it's really short now. |
| 5 I've got very fair | **e** and strange behaviour. |
| 6 Sam's had a haircut; | **f** a dark tan. |
| 7 People noticed her unusual appearance | **g** painted bright orange. |
| 8 He spent the summer at the beach getting | **h** skin, so I stay out of the sun. |
| 9 Her long nails were | **i** beard and a moustache. |

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**D Complete the text using words and phrases from the box. Use each word or phrase only once.**

## Attraction

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attractive cute expression good-looking people handsome man height muscles ordinary physically fit slim sporty types thin unattractive well dressed

**What makes someone [1]_____ ?**

"For me, a [2]_____ has to be tall and quite [3]_____, because clothes are important to me – I like someone who cares about his appearance. And personally, I don't really like men with beards; I find them [4]_____."

"I don't just focus on physical appearance. I don't care too much about a person's [5]_____ – they could be tall or short, they could be fat or [6]_____. Someone might be [7]_____ because of the way they smile. Sometimes it's just the [8]_____ on someone's face that attracts you to them."

"Actually, I don't feel comfortable with incredibly [9]_____. If I meet a beautiful woman who's tall and [10]_____ and looks really amazing, I get nervous and don't know what to say to her. I'm more likely to like someone more [11]_____ … a bit like me!"

"I'm usually most keen on [12]_____. I like someone who does a bit of exercise and who's [13]_____. They don't have to have huge [14]_____ or anything, but I prefer someone who looks after themselves."

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**E Match the comments (1–8) to the most-likely replies (a–h).**

1 He's tall and physically fit, with big muscles in his arms.
2 She always seems to have a slightly bored expression on her face.
3 I had a horrible cold and my nose was bright red and really unattractive.
4 He's a pretty ordinary kind of guy.
5 Everyone else seemed to be tall and slim and incredibly well-dressed.
6 She has long, dark hair and an attractive, friendly sort of face.
7 He's the cutest guy in our class: really smart and sporty, too.
8 They're both very tall and thin, but not in an attractive kind of way.

a She sounds really nice.
b So you wouldn't say he was good-looking then?
c I see what you mean … they look kind of unhealthy.
d Wow, he must go to the gym a lot!
e Oh no, not a good day to have your photo taken, then!
f She doesn't sound like much fun.
g Ha ha, intelligent *and* good-looking!
h I bet that was embarrassing in your old jeans and T-shirt!

**F Choose the best words to complete the sentences. In some cases, both options are possible.**

1 I looked across at Josh and he had a slightly worried *appearance* / *expression* on his face.
2 She has a typically Scandinavian look with blonde hair, *fair* / *dyed* skin and bright blue eyes.
3 Some of the children in the camp hadn't eaten properly for weeks and they were very *thin* / *slim*.
4 He posted this really *ordinary* / *unattractive* picture of me eating an ice cream – I was so embarrassed.
5 She does quite a lot of exercise – she's quite *fit* / *sporty*.
6 In old photos, my grandmother was a really *beautiful* / *attractive* young woman.
7 When you meet Jake, the first thing you notice is his *appearance* / *height* – he's over two metres tall.
8 Is that her *fair* / *natural* hair colour or does she dye it?
9 Max had to borrow my *hairdryer* / *shampoo* when he arrived because he'd got caught in the rain!
10 Ella has long, *curly* / *straight*, blonde hair and beautiful green eyes.
11 After Lewis *dyed* / *shaved* off his beard, I think he looked much younger.

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