

Vocabulary List — Unit 9: Suspicious Visitors

Physical Appearance

Age

Expression	Meaning / Example
in his/her twenties	around 20–29 years old — <i>"She looks like she's in her twenties."</i>
in his/her thirties	around 30–39 — <i>"The man is in his late thirties."</i>
in his/her forties	around 40–49 — <i>"He looks like he's in his forties."</i>
middle-aged	around 40–60 — <i>"The visitor was middle-aged."</i>
elderly	old (60+) — <i>"An elderly woman answered the door."</i>
teenager / teens	around 13–19 — <i>"The girl was in her teens."</i>

Height

Expression	Example
tall	<i>"The man is tall."</i>
short	<i>"She's short, with curly hair."</i>
average height	<i>"He's average height — not tall, not short."</i>

Hair

Expression	Example
dark hair	"He's got dark hair."
blond hair	"She has blond hair."
curly hair	"The woman has curly, dark hair."
straight hair	"He has short, straight hair."
long / short hair	"She has long hair."
bald	"The older man is bald."

Other Appearance Details

Expression	Example
wearing sunglasses	"He's wearing sunglasses."
wearing a baseball cap	"The short one is wearing a baseball cap."
wearing a sweater / jacket	"She's wearing a red sweater."

Describing Someone — Useful Phrases

Phrase	Usage
He's got + [feature]	very natural/spoken English
She looks like she's in her + [decade]	for guessing age politely
He's wearing + [clothing/accessory]	present continuous for appearance
The tall one / the short one	using physical features to identify
What do they look like?	key question for descriptions
How about the other one?	natural follow-up in conversation

Story Vocabulary — Crime & Suspense

Word / Expression	Meaning / Example
suspicious	<i>seeming dangerous or strange — "Two suspicious persons outside."</i>
escaped	<i>got free (from prison) — "Two prisoners escaped this morning."</i>
prison	<i>place where criminals live — "They escaped from the state prison."</i>
dangerous	<i>can cause harm — "These men are dangerous."</i>
report (verb)	<i>to tell the police about something — "I'd like to report two suspicious persons."</i>
to call the police	<i>to phone the police — "George decided to call the police."</i>
driveway	<i>the path in front of a house — "They're standing in the driveway."</i>
parked	<i>(car) stopped and left in a place — "The SUV is parked in front of the house."</i>
passing through	<i>traveling through a place, not staying — "We're just passing through town."</i>

Bonus — Expressions from the Dialogue

Expression	Meaning / Context
Help is on the way!	<i>someone is coming to help</i>
Stop in and say hello	<i>visit someone informally</i>
Look at you!	<i>surprised reaction when someone has changed</i>
You're all grown up!	<i>said to someone who was a child before</i>
Sounds like a rough neighborhood.	<i>said humorously — a "rough" place feels unsafe</i>

