

Grammar **be** vs. **have**

► BE VS. HAVE

She's thin / tall / Vietnamese.

He has blue eyes / long hair / a great sense of humor.

Do they have red hair?

Yes, they do. / No, they don't.

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7 Work in pairs. Look at the sentences in the grammar box. Answer these questions.

- 1 We use *be + adjective / have + adjective + noun* to describe appearance (inherent qualities).
- 2 We use *be + adjective / have + adjective + noun* to describe specific attributes.
- 3 With *have* questions, do you answer *Yes, I have*, or *Yes, I do*?
- 4 In these sentences, does 's mean *is* or *has*?
a She's short. b He's well-built.

8 Complete this description of dancers at a festival  with the correct form of *be* or *have*.



This Polynesian tribesman is a dancer at a festival in Papua New Guinea. All the men ¹ _____ tall, and they ² _____ colorful clothes with red hats over their hair. They ³ _____ white faces and black lines around their eyes. The man in the photo ⁴ _____ red make-up on his mouth and nose, and he ⁵ _____ a string of seashells around his neck.