

Describing people

VOCABULARY BANK

1 APPEARANCE

a Match the sentences and pictures.



What does he / she look like?

- ☐ She has curly red hair.
- ☐ She has long straight hair.
- ☐ She has big blue eyes.
- ☐ She has dark wavy hair.
- ☐ He has a beard and a mustache.
- ☐ He's bald.
- ☐ He's very tall and thin.
- ☐ He's short and a little overweight.
- ☐ He's medium height and slim.

b 11 Listen and check.



thin or slim? fat or overweight?

Thin and slim are both the opposite of fat, but slim = thin in an attractive way.

Fat is not very polite. It is more polite to say someone is (a little) overweight.

Using two adjectives together

We often use two adjectives together (without and) to describe hair or eyes, e.g., She has long curly hair or He has big brown eyes. Adjectives go in this order: size > style > color noun.

2 PERSONALITY

a Match the adjectives with the definitions.

What's he like? What's she like?

friendly /'frendli/ funny /'fʌni/ generous /dʒenərəs/ kind /kaɪnd/
lazy /'leɪzi/ shy /ʃaɪ/ smart /smɑːt/ talkative /'tɔːkətɪv/

	Adjective	Opposite
1 A person who is open and warm is	friendly	
2 A person who talks a lot is		
3 A person who likes giving people things is		
4 A person who is friendly and good to other people is		
5 A person who doesn't want to work is		
6 A person who makes people laugh is		
7 A person who is quick at learning and understanding things is (synonym intelligent)		
8 A person who can't talk easily to people he / she doesn't know is		

b Complete the Opposite column with an adjective from the list.

cheap /tʃiːp/ extrovert /'ekstrəvɜːt/
hardworking /'hɑːdwɜːkɪŋ/ quiet /'kwaɪət/ serious /'sɪəriəs/
stupid /'stʊpɪd/ unfriendly /ʌn'frendli/ unkind /ʌn'kaɪnd/

c 11 Listen and check.

d In pairs, ask and answer about a member of your family or a good friend.

A What does your sister look like?

B She's tall and she has short dark hair.

A What's she like?



nice; funny or fun?

Nice is a very common adjective of personality, e.g., He's a very nice person. Nice describes a person who is friendly and kind.

A person who is funny makes you laugh. A person who is fun is a person who you have a good time with.

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