

Exercises

18.1 Put the words from the box into the 'fat' or 'thin' column, then answer the questions.

portly lanky slender dumpy slim chubby

'fat' words	'thin' words

- 1 Which words could be used to describe someone's waist?
- 2 Which word is likely to be used of a rather physically awkward young person?
- 3 Which word means 'fat but in a pleasant way'?
- 4 Which word is more likely to be used to describe a man rather than a woman?
- 5 Which word is more likely to be used to describe a woman rather than a man?

18.2 Look at B. Then match the adjectives in the first box below with the nouns in the second box.

bushy oval striking broad droopy chubby dishevelled

cheeks moustache shoulders hair eyebrows resemblance face

18.3 Fill the gaps with appropriate collocations. You are sometimes given the first letter(s).

I hadn't seen Owen since he was just a baby, so I was surprised to see that he was now a tall young man. He was (1) im..... gr....., smart and elegant. He was with a pretty young woman with (2) j.....-black, (3) shoulder..... hair and a (4) l..... com..... . She could have been a model, she had such a (5) str..... ap..... . He had his arm round her (6) s..... wa..... . With them was a (7) po..... g....., who looked as though he enjoyed good food, and who was probably her father. When I introduced myself to Owen, he smiled. 'Of course, I remember you,' he said. 'You used to work with my father. But you haven't aged at all! You have a much more (8) y..... a..... than my father now does. Dad has (9) very grey.' I felt very pleased when he said that; he obviously didn't notice I was beginning to (10) bald. Everyone likes to think they look young when they get older.

18.4 Use the words from the box to fill the gaps to give contrasting meanings.

round coarse upturned fair pointed straight dark sleek

- 1 Her hair's not , it's quite , in fact it's almost black.
- 2 She has an nose but her brother has a nose.
- 3 Her mother has a face but her father has a face.
- 4 My hair is so and ugly; Sally's is so and lovely.

Over to you

Think of a relative or friend of yours. Write a short description using collocations from this unit.