

# I can talk about appearance

## A Male appearance



He's got **broad shoulders**<sup>1</sup> and is **well built**.



He's tall and **skinny**, but he's **in good shape**.



He's got thick **eyebrows**<sup>2</sup> and **stubble**<sup>3</sup>. He's **dark-skinned**<sup>4</sup>.  
OPP **light-** OR **pale-skinned**.



He's quite **plump**, with a **fattish** face.



He's **clean-shaven** and **bald**<sup>5</sup>. He has a **scar**<sup>6</sup> on his head.



He's **going bald** OR  
He's **losing his hair** OR  
His hair's **receding**.

## Glossary

**male** Men and boys are **male**, women and girls are **female** (a person's **sex** is male or female).

**well built** with a solid, strong body. SYN **stocky**.

**skinny** very thin, but not in an attractive way.

**in good/bad shape** in good/bad physical condition.

**plump** quite fat, in a nice way.

**fattish** quite fat. (See spotlight, next page.)

**clean-shaven** without a beard or moustache.

## 1 One letter is missing from each word. Write the words correctly.

- |                            |                                         |                                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ► skiny <u>skinny</u>      | 3 sca <u>scar</u>                       | 6 clean-shave <u>clean-shaven</u>   |
| 1 eyebrows <u>eyebrows</u> | 4 brod shoulders <u>broad shoulders</u> | 7 in good sape <u>in good shape</u> |
| 2 fatish <u>fattish</u>    | 5 subble <u>stubble</u>                 |                                     |

## 2 Similar or different? Write S or D.

- |                                              |                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| ► fattish   plump <u>S</u>                   | 5 dark-skinned   pale-skinned <u>D</u>                  |
| 1 skinny   dark-skinned <u>D</u>             | 6 stubble   a scar <u>D</u>                             |
| 2 in good shape   in good condition <u>S</u> | 7 pale-skinned   light-skinned <u>D</u>                 |
| 3 go bald   be bald <u>D</u>                 | 8 He's losing his hair.   His hair's receding. <u>S</u> |
| 4 stocky   well built <u>S</u>               | 9 male   female <u>D</u>                                |

## 3 Complete the questions. You will write your answers to the questions in Exercise 4.

In your family:

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- |                                       |                                                       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 who's in good s <u>shape</u> ?      | 5 who's well b <u>built</u> ?                         |
| 2 who's going b <u>ald</u> ?          | 6 who's sk <u>in good shape</u> ?                     |
| 3 who's c <u>lean-shaven</u> ?        | 7 who's dark-s <u>inned</u> ?                         |
| 4 who's got broad s <u>houlders</u> ? | 8 who's got a s <u>car</u> on their body? <u>scar</u> |

## 4 ABOUT YOUR FAMILY Write your answers to Exercise 3, or ask a friend to write them for you.

## B Female appearance



This is my mother at 27 when she **was pregnant**; in fact, she was **expecting** me. She had a **pretty, roundish** face with beautiful **smooth skin** and long hair.



Here's Mum now; she looks **tanned**. She's still **slim** with a good **figure**. Her **appearance** hasn't changed much, but she's got a few **wrinkles**<sup>1</sup>, she's **going grey**, and her hair's much shorter and **neater**. She wears **contact lenses**, and you can't tell that she's nearly 60.

### spotlight -ish

The suffix **-ish** is used with some adjectives to mean 'quite'. A **roundish** face is a face which is quite round. Also: **tallish**, **youngish**, **fattish**, etc.

### Glossary

|                    |                                                                                |                         |                                                                               |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>be pregnant</b> | • SYN <b>be expecting a baby</b> .                                             | <b>figure</b>           | • the shape of a woman's body.                                                |
| <b>pretty</b>      | • attractive and nice to look at (used especially about girls or young women). | <b>appearance</b>       | • the way sb looks.                                                           |
| <b>smooth skin</b> | • with a completely flat surface. OPP <b>rough</b> .                           | <b>go grey OR white</b> | • become grey-haired or white-haired.                                         |
| <b>tanned</b>      | • having brown skin after spending time in the sun. <b>tan</b> N.              | <b>neat</b>             | • tidy and carefully arranged.                                                |
| <b>slim</b>        | • thin in an attractive way. SYN <b>slender</b> .                              | <b>contact lenses</b>   | • small round pieces of plastic you wear in your eyes to help you see better. |
|                    |                                                                                | <b>tell sth</b>         | • know or guess sth.                                                          |

### 6 True or false? Write T or F.

- If your hair is neat, it's tidy. T
- Contact lenses are the same as glasses. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Skin can be rough or smooth. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A tallish person is very tall. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A pregnant woman has just had a baby. \_\_\_\_\_
  - You get tanned sitting in the sun. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Everyone has a good figure. \_\_\_\_\_
  - You usually use 'pretty' to describe a man. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Your hair can go white or grey. \_\_\_\_\_

### 7 Complete the sentences.

- Does she wear contact lenses ?
- Her \_\_\_\_\_ has gone grey, and it's completely changed her \_\_\_\_\_.
  - She's still very slim, so you can't \_\_\_\_\_ she's \_\_\_\_\_ a baby in July.
  - I'm feeling so old these days – look at these \_\_\_\_\_ around my eyes!
  - My baby's skin is so \_\_\_\_\_ to touch, but my hands are really \_\_\_\_\_.
  - She's got a beautiful figure: she's tall and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You can \_\_\_\_\_ she's been on holiday – she's got a lovely \_\_\_\_\_.