11 Describing people

A Height and weight

How **tall** is she? She's ... Is he **thin** or **fat**? He's ... How much does he **weigh**?

tall | average height | short | slim | average weight | overweight

GLOSSARY

height	(sounds like *white*) how tall sb is: *She's 175 cm* ***tall***. OR *She's 175 cm* ***in height***. **cm = centimetres**
weigh	*He* ***weighs*** *60 kg.* OR *He's 60 kg* ***in weight***. **kg = kilos**
slim	thin, but **slim** is more positive
weight	(sounds the same as *wait*) describes how heavy sb or sth is
put on weight	become heavier/fatter OPP **lose weight**

SPOTLIGHT *quite*

Quite is a very common word, and it means 'not very'.
- *She's* ***quite*** *tall.* (= not very tall but more than average height)
- *He plays the piano* ***quite*** *well.* (= not very well but better than OK)

1 True or false? Write *T* or *F*.

▶ If you are ***overweight***, you aren't slim. T
1 ***Average height*** means not fat and not slim. .....
2 ***Quite thin*** and ***very thin*** are the same. .....
3 ***Put on weight*** and ***lose weight*** are opposites. .....
4 If someone is ***fat***, they are ***overweight***. .....
5 The answer to ***How much does he weigh?*** is ***200 cm***. .....
6 ***How tall are you?*** is a correct question. .....
7 ***Average weight*** means quite slim. .....
8 ***Thin*** and ***slim*** mean the same, but ***thin*** is more positive. .....
9 If you ***lose weight***, you get thinner. .....
10 ***Average height*** and ***average weight*** are the same. .....

2 Complete the dialogues. Don't use the words in *italics* in your answer.

▶ Is he quite short? ~ No, he's very tall.
1 She's not tall or short, really. ~ No, she's average .....
2 Are they quite ***thin***? ~ Yes, they're both very .....
3 Is he ***overweight***? ~ Yes, he's getting a bit .....
4 Is she very slim? ~ No, but she's ..... slim.
5 Max is looking a bit fat. ~ I know. He has ..... 10 kilos.
6 Is he about average weight? ~ I think so. He ..... 75 kg.
7 Scarlet isn't very tall, is she? ~ No, actually she's quite .....
8 Ben is looking very slim. ~ Yes, he has ..... a lot of weight.
9 This box is very heavy. ~ Is it? How ..... does it weigh?
10 Is Willie very tall? ~ No, but he's ..... tall.

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B Features

1 a **good-looking man** with **dark curly** hair and a **beard**

2 a **pretty teenager** with **long blonde** hair and a **lovely smile**

3 a very **attractive** woman with **straight fair** hair

4 a **middle-aged** man with **short grey** hair

GLOSSARY

feature(s)	an important part of sth, e.g. *your face, your eyes*
teenager	a person between the ages of 13 and 19 **teenage** *adj*
lovely	beautiful or very nice: *a lovely smile/dress*
smile	(*see picture 2*) **Smile** is also a verb: *He smiled at me.*
middle-aged	about 45 to 60 years old

SPOTLIGHT *good-looking, beautiful,* etc.

For a woman, we can say **beautiful** or **(very) good-looking/attractive**. For a man, we usually say **good-looking** or **handsome**. For girls especially, we can say **beautiful**, but we often use **pretty**.

3 **Look at the pictures. True or false? Write *T* or *F*. If false, correct the mistake.**

▶ The girl isn't a teenager. F – She is a teenager.
1 She's got a lovely smile. .....
2 She's got dark hair. .....
3 It's also quite short. .....
4 The young man isn't handsome. .....
5 He's got dark hair. .....
6 The woman has got blonde hair. .....
7 Her hair is straight. .....
8 She's beautiful. .....
9 The other man is old. .....
10 His hair is dark. .....

4 **Complete the words in the texts.**

My sister (15):	▶ is a teenager. She's very **(1)** pr....., with **(2)** d..... brown hair, and she has a lovely **(3)** sm....., which is one of her best **(4)** fe.....
My brother (18):	is also a **(5)** te..... He's very **(6)** g.....-l..... and he knows it. He's got short **(7)** st..... hair, and no **(8)** be.....
My father (52):	is **(9)** m.....-a..... now. I think he's still a **(10)** ha..... man, but his hair is quite **(11)** gr.....
My mother (50):	has short **(12)** bl..... hair. She was **(13)** be..... when she was young and she is still very **(14)** at.....
Me (20):	I am no longer a **(15)** t..... boy. I'm different from my sister because I've got **(16)** f..... hair, and different from my brother because my hair is **(17)** cu..... And I'm also different from them because, unfortunately, I'm not very **(18)** g.....-.....

5 ABOUT YOU **Write two or three sentences describing yourself using some of the vocabulary from this page. Then look at the pictures again. Do you think the four people are beautiful/handsome/attractive? If possible, talk to someone else about them.**

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