

appearance (n)
attractive (adj)
beard (n)
curly (adj)
cute (adj)
dye (v)
expression (n)
fair (adj)
good-looking (adj)
haircut (n)

hairdryer (n)
handsome (adj)
height (n)
make-up (n)
moustache (n)
muscle (n)
nail (n)
natural (adj)
ordinary (adj)
physically (adv)

shampoo (n)
shave (v)
skin (n)
slim (adj)
sporty (adj)
straight (adj)
tan (n)
thin (adj)
unattractive (adj)
well dressed (adj)

A Complete the descriptions using words from the vocabulary list above.



1 She's got a new _____.

2 a young man with a long _____.

3 I shower and _____ each morning.

4 There's a _____ in your room.

5 a girl with _____, black hair



6 He's got _____, blonde hair.

7 a tall guy with a _____.

8 What _____ do you use?

9 I don't wear a lot of _____.

In British English, **blond** is usually used to describe a man's hair colour, and **blonde** is usually used for a woman's.

B Complete the comments using words from the box.

appearance dye fair nails natural skin tan

“ I think some people spend too much time trying to change their ¹_____. They ²_____ their hair different colours and they paint the ³_____ on their fingers and toes. Personally, I prefer a more ⁴_____ look. ”

“ Lots of people want to have the perfect ⁵_____. Even if they're naturally ⁶_____, with blond hair, they sit out in the sun for hours. It's worrying. Too much sun is bad for your ⁷_____ and it can cause health problems. ”

C Match the definitions (1–9) to the words (a–i).

- 1 Helen has dyed
- 2 The man behind the counter had a grey
- 3 Both boys have got short,
- 4 In the photos, she isn't wearing any
- 5 I've got very fair
- 6 Sam's had a haircut;
- 7 People noticed her unusual appearance
- 8 He spent the summer at the beach getting
- 9 Her long nails were

- a straight, dark hair.
- b make-up at all.
- c her hair black.
- d it's really short now.
- e and strange behaviour.
- f a dark tan.
- g painted bright orange.
- h skin, so I stay out of the sun.
- i beard and a moustache.

D Complete the text using words and phrases from the box. Use each word or phrase only once.

Attraction

attractive cute expression good-looking people handsome man height muscles
ordinary physically fit slim sporty types thin unattractive well dressed

What makes someone ¹_____?

“ For me, a ²_____ has to be tall and quite ³_____, because clothes are important to me – I like someone who cares about his appearance. And personally, I don't really like men with beards; I find them ⁴_____.”

“ I don't just focus on physical appearance. I don't care too much about a person's ⁵_____ – they could be tall or short, they could be fat or ⁶_____. Someone might be ⁷_____ because of the way they smile. Sometimes it's just the ⁸_____ on someone's face that attracts you to them.”

“ Actually, I don't feel comfortable with incredibly ⁹_____. If I meet a beautiful woman who's tall and ¹⁰_____ and looks really amazing, I get nervous and don't know what to say to her. I'm more likely to like someone more ¹¹_____ ... a bit like me! ”

“ I'm usually most keen on ¹²_____. I like someone who does a bit of exercise and who's ¹³_____. They don't have to have huge ¹⁴_____ or anything, but I prefer someone who looks after themselves.”

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E Match the comments (1–8) to the most-likely replies (a–h).

1 He's tall and physically fit, with big muscles in his arms.
2 She always seems to have a slightly bored expression on her face.
3 I had a horrible cold and my nose was bright red and really unattractive.
4 He's a pretty ordinary kind of guy.
5 Everyone else seemed to be tall and slim and incredibly well-dressed.
6 She has long, dark hair and an attractive, friendly sort of face.
7 He's the cutest guy in our class: really smart and sporty, too.
8 They're both very tall and thin, but not in an attractive kind of way.

a She sounds really nice.
b So you wouldn't say he was good-looking then?
c I see what you mean ... they look kind of unhealthy.
d Wow, he must go to the gym a lot!
e Oh no, not a good day to have your photo taken, then! 😞
f She doesn't sound like much fun. 😞
g Ha ha, intelligent and good-looking! 😊
h I bet that was embarrassing in your old jeans and T-shirt! 😊

F Choose the best words to complete the sentences. In some cases, both options are possible.

- I looked across at Josh and he had a slightly worried *appearance* / *expression* on his face.
- She has a typically Scandinavian look with blonde hair, *fair* / *dyed* skin and bright blue eyes.
- Some of the children in the camp hadn't eaten properly for weeks and they were *very thin* / *slim*.
- He posted this really *ordinary* / *unattractive* picture of me eating an ice cream – I was so embarrassed.
- She does quite a lot of exercise – she's *quite fit* / *sporty*.
- In old photos, my grandmother was a really *beautiful* / *attractive* young woman.
- When you meet Jake, the first thing you notice is his *appearance* / *height* – he's over two metres tall.
- Is that her *fair* / *natural* hair colour or does she dye it?
- Max had to borrow my *hairdryer* / *shampoo* when he arrived because he'd got caught in the rain!
- Ella has long, *curly* / *straight*, blonde hair and beautiful green eyes.
- After Lewis *dyed* / *shaved* off his beard, I think he looked much younger.