

Appearance

appearance (n)	hairdryer (n)	shampoo (n)
attractive (adj)	handsome (adj)	shave (v)
beard (n)	height (n)	skin (n)
curly (adj)	make-up (n)	slim (adj)
cute (adj)	moustache (n)	sporty (adj)
dye (v)	muscle (n)	straight (adj)
expression (n)	nail (n)	tan (n)
fair (adj)	natural (adj)	thin (adj)
good-looking (adj)	ordinary (adj)	unattractive (adj)
haircut (n)	physically (adv)	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 _____, blond 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.

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.