Describing people

VOCABULARY BANK

1 Age

Complete the phrases.

mid-	early	about	late	forties

1 He's _____ 20. = 19, 20, or 21
2 He's in his _____. = between 41 and 49
3 She's in her _____ thirties. = between 34 and 36
4 She's in her _____ sixties. = between 67 and 69
5 He is his _____ seventies. = between 71 and 73



2 Height and build

Match the sentences and pictures A–C.

1 ☐ He's **tall** and **slim**.
2 ☐ He's **short** and a bit **overweight** /əʊvə'weɪt/.
3 ☐ He's **medium height** /'miːdiəm 'haɪt/ and **well built**.

⚠ *Thin* and *slim* are both the opposite of *fat*, but *slim* = thin in an attractive way.

3 Hair

Match the sentences and pictures.



1 ☐ She has **fair** (or **blonde**) hair and a **ponytail**.
2 ☐ She has **long** **wavy** hair.
3 ☐ He has **grey** hair and a **beard** /bɪəd/.
4 ☐ She has **short** **brown** **curly** hair.
5 ☐ She has **red** **shoulder-length** hair.
6 ☐ He's **bald** /bɔːld/ and has a **moustache** /mə'stɑːʃ/.
7 ☐ She has straight dark hair and a **fringe**.



4 General adjectives

a Are these adjectives ⊕ or ⊖? Are they used for men, women, or both? Write M, W, or B.

	⊕ or ⊖	M, W, or B
attractive		
beautiful		
good-looking		
handsome /'hænsəm/		
plain		
pretty /'prɪti/		
ugly		

⚠ *What does he / she look like?* = Can you describe his / her appearance?
What is he / she like? = Can you describe his / her personality?

Can you remember the words on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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