Physical Description and Personality Vocabulary

Level: A2–B1 English learners

Build and Height

Word or phrase	Meaning or example
tall	He is tall.
short	She is short.
medium-height	My brother is medium-height—not very tall or short.
slim	She is slim.
thin	He is thin.
average build	They have an average build.
strong	He is strong and enjoys sports.
muscular	She is muscular from working out.
stocky	He is short and stocky, with a broad body.

Age

Word or phrase	Meaning or example
young	The young woman is a student.
middle-aged	He is middle-aged, perhaps in his forties or fifties.
elderly	My elderly neighbor is very active.
in their twenties	She is in her twenties.
about thirty	He is about thirty years old.
teenager	A teenager is between thirteen and nineteen years old.

Face and Hair

Hair color

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Word or phrase	Meaning or example
black hair	He has black hair.
brown hair	She has brown hair.
blonde hair	They have blonde hair.
red hair	My cousin has red hair.
gray hair	My grandfather has gray hair.
white hair	She has white hair.

Hair length and style

Word or phrase	Meaning or example
short hair	He has short hair.
medium-length hair	She has medium-length hair.
long hair	They have long hair.
curly hair	He has curly hair.
wavy hair	She has wavy hair.
straight hair	My friend has straight hair.
bald	He is bald; he has no hair on his head.
a beard	He has a beard.
a mustache	My uncle has a mustache.
bangs	She has bangs across her forehead.

Eyes

Word or phrase	Meaning or example
blue eyes	She has blue eyes.
brown eyes	He has brown eyes.
green eyes	They have green eyes.
dark eyes	My teacher has dark eyes.
light eyes	She has light-colored eyes.
glasses	He wears glasses.

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Skin and Other Features

Word or phrase	Meaning or example
freckles	She has freckles across her nose.
a beard	He has a short beard.
a scar	He has a small scar on his chin.
dimples	She has dimples when she smiles.
a round face	He has a round face.
an oval face	She has an oval face.
a friendly smile	They have a friendly smile.
a birthmark	He has a birthmark on his arm.

Clothing and General Appearance

Word or phrase	Meaning or example
casual	He wears casual clothes, like jeans and a T-shirt.
formal	She is wearing formal clothes for the event.
smartly dressed	He is smartly dressed in a jacket and clean shoes.
sporty	She has a sporty style and often wears sneakers.
neat	His clothes are neat and tidy.
fashionable	They wear fashionable clothes.
wears a uniform	She wears a school uniform.
looks tired	He looks tired after a long day.
looks cheerful	She looks cheerful and is smiling.

Personality Adjectives

Positive

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Word	Meaning or example
friendly	A friendly person is kind and easy to talk to.
kind	She helps people because she is kind.
helpful	He is helpful and often offers to assist.
funny	My cousin is funny; he makes us laugh.
patient	A patient person can wait calmly.
honest	An honest person tells the truth.
generous	She is generous and shares what she has.
confident	He feels confident speaking in a group.
hardworking	They are hardworking and finish their tasks.
cheerful	She is cheerful and often seems happy.

Negative

Word	Meaning or example
rude	A rude person speaks without being polite.
unkind	He was unkind when he laughed at someone.
selfish	A selfish person thinks mostly about themselves.
lazy	She is lazy about doing her chores.
impatient	He gets impatient when he has to wait.
dishonest	A dishonest person does not tell the truth.
bossy	A bossy person often tells others what to do.
careless	He was careless and forgot his homework.

Neutral

Word	Meaning or example
quiet	She is quiet and does not speak much in a group.

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Word	Meaning or example
shy	He is shy around new people.
serious	My teacher is serious during lessons.
talkative	My sister is talkative and enjoys conversation.
outgoing	They are outgoing and like meeting new people.
independent	She is independent and likes doing things by herself.
calm	He stays calm in busy situations.
curious	A curious person likes learning and asking questions.

Useful Sentence Frames

- **He is** tall, short, slim, or strong.
- **She has** long, curly, brown hair.
- **They have** blue eyes and freckles.
- **He wears** glasses.
- **She is wearing** a casual outfit.
- **He looks** cheerful today.
- **She is** friendly and patient.
- **They seem** quiet but kind.
- **What does he look like?** He is tall and has short hair.
- **What is she like?** She is funny and helpful.

Opposites

Word	Opposite
tall	short
young	elderly
long hair	short hair
curly hair	straight hair
friendly	unfriendly

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Word	Opposite
kind	unkind
patient	impatient
honest	dishonest
quiet	talkative
cheerful	serious

Tip: Use **be** with many adjectives: *She is friendly.* Use **have** for features: *She has curly hair.* Use **wear** for clothing and accessories: *She wears glasses.*

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