

Physical appearance

1 Look at the words below.

lanky	stocky	chubby	well-built
skinny	petite	slim	overweight
wiry	curvy	shapely	slender

Which of the following people could they be used to describe?

- a strong, thin man
- a small, thin woman
- a tall, thin man
- a small, fat, strong man
- an attractive woman with broad hips and a big bust
- a tall, thin woman

2 Which of the phrases below suggest

- a slim, strong man
- a big, fat man
- an attractive man (in your opinion)

He's got a double chin

He's got a beard and moustache

He's got sideburns

He's broad-shouldered

He's got a six pack

He's got a pot belly

He's bald

He's got slim hips and a narrow waist

He's got high cheekbones

He's long-legged

3 What's the difference between the following?

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| a. a ponytail | a pigtail | a goatee |
| b. flat-chested | pigeon-chested | broad-chested |
| c. bony | big-boned | skin and bones |
| d. handsome | gorgeous | attractive |
| e. hunky | cute | charming |

4 Read the descriptions of different people. Then complete the final sentence in the most appropriate way.

- When I last saw my brother, he was a long, lanky eighteen-year-old with scruffy, long hair and a thin moustache that looked silly. He was skinny and shy. But now, I've just returned from two years in America, and he's absolutely gorgeous. He's

_____.

- b. When he was young my dad was short, slim and wiry. He played rugby, and he was very fast and strong. But now, well, he's put on a bit of weight, and he would best be described as _____.
- c. My friend Sara has always been a bit chubby, and over Christmas she ate lots of good food, and got depressed because she was really overweight. So she went on a crash diet, lost loads of weight, and started working out at the gym. She's transformed. Now, she's _____.

5 Write a description of someone you know well, a friend or a relative, whose appearance has changed. What did they look like before, and what do they look like now? Why and how did they change?

6 Prepare to discuss these questions.

- 1 How would you describe your own appearance?
- 2 Who do you take after in your family?
- 3 What physical characteristics do you find attractive?
- 4 How would you describe the physical appearance of your ideal man/woman?
- 5 Do you think the way we look is important?
 - a. when finding a partner
 - b. when making friends
 - c. at work

Interview your partner.

Ears and eyes Dictionary Quiz

- 1 What's an *eardrum*?
- 2 Which is correct: *lend an ear* or *lend an eye*?
- 3 If you *keep an eye on* someone, how do you feel about them?
- 4 What do you do if you *play something by ear*?
- 5 What's the difference between an *eyeful* and an *earful*?
- 6 If something is very noisy is it *earbashing* or *ear-splitting*?
- 7 What's the difference between an *eyebrow* and an *eyeball*?
- 8 If you are *out on your ear*, what does it mean?
- 9 If something *catches your eye*, do you like the look of it?
- 10 Does someone who is *all ears* have big ears?
- 11 If you don't see *eye to eye* with someone, do you agree with them?