

## 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. a strong, thin man
- b. a small, thin woman
- c. a tall, thin man
- d. a small, fat, strong man
- e. an attractive woman with broad hips and a big bust
- f. a tall, thin woman

### 2 Which of the phrases below suggest

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

He's got a double chin

He's got a pot belly

He's got a beard and moustache

He's bald

He's got sideburns

He's got slim hips and a narrow waist

He's broad-shouldered

He's got high cheekbones

He's got a six pack

He's long-legged

### 3 What's the difference between the following?

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.

- a. 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?