

A2. UNIT 3. – DESCRIBING PEOPLE

Vocabulary:

- Describing people.
- Face and head.
- Age.
- Expressions.

Grammar:

- Present simple.



3.1. Vocabulary. Describing people.

Describing people: tall, dark, good-looking

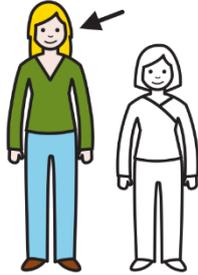
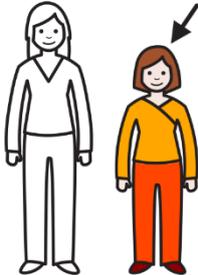
Describing people: height and weight

Example:

- Agatha is a very **tall** woman.
- Tom is quite **short**.
- If you are not tall or short, you are of **medium height**.
- Brigid is really **slim**.
- I was very **thin** when I was in the hospital. (slim is more polite than thin).
- The doctor said I'm **overweight**. [weigh too much]
- An **overweight** man holding a **fat** cat opened the door.





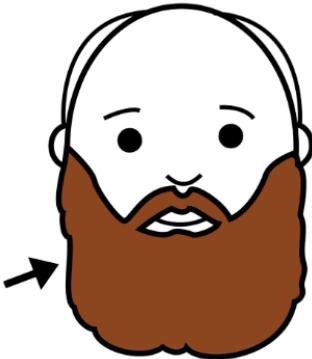
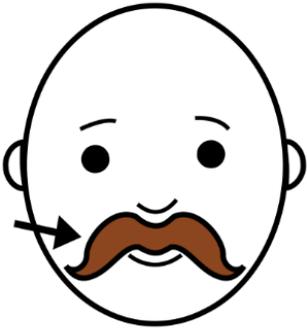
	<p>Tall</p>
	<p>Short</p>
	<p>Thin</p>
	<p>Fat or Overweight</p>



Describing people: face and head

Example:

- Suri has **dark skin** and **dark hair**. She has **brown** eyes.
- Laura has **blonde (or fair) hair** and **fair skin**. She has **blue** eyes.
- Ben has a **beard** and **long hair**. He has **green** eyes.
- Joseph has a moustache and short hair.
- You can also use **has got**, for example, Suri **has got dark hair** and **dark skin**.

	<p>Beard</p>
	<p>Moustache</p>

Error warning:

People are tall. [Not people are high]

People have blonde or dark hair. [not hairs]

Example:

- My mother is a very **beautiful** woman. (very pretty)
- My dad's a very **good-looking** man.
- My sister is **pretty**. (usually girls/ women only)
- Bob's an **ugly** man. [ugly – the opposite of beautiful or good-looking]
- I'm not ugly or beautiful, I'm just **average-looking**.

Describing people: age

Example:

- My grandfather is 89 years old. He's very **old**. My sister is 15. She's **young**, but would like to be **older**. My mother is 57. She's **middle-aged**, but would like to be **younger**.
- This hospital is for **elderly** people (more polite than **old**).



Describing people: Expressions

Example:

- **How tall** is Donald? B: He's 1.82 metres tall.
- **How heavy are you? How much do you weigh?** B: I weigh 62 kilos/ 74 kilos.
- **How old is he?** B: He's 76.
- **What does** Julie/ your mother **look like?** B: She's tall and blonde. She's very pretty.

Learning tip - some of the words above are a little negative, so be careful how you use them. It's better not to say to someone: You're fat/ thin/ ugly/ old.

3.2. Match the expressions to the blank space.

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1. My brother isn't short. He's very _____.
2. I think Mary is too thin.
 - Yes, she's very _____.
3. Paul is an actor. He looks really nice.
 - Yes, he's _____.
4. When you think someone is ugly, say they are _____, it's more polite.
5. When you think someone is fat, say they are _____, it's more polite.
6. Jane is a beautiful girl.
 - Yes, she's very _____.
7. Do you know Michael?
 - No, what does he _____?





3.3. Match the words to the blank space.

dark	moustache	hair	blonde	brown	short	eyes
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1. Has Nadya got fair hair?
- Yes, she has beautiful, long, _____ hair.
2. Lara is very pretty. She's got dark _____ and green _____.
3. My father hasn't got a beard but he has a _____.
4. Has Paul got long hair?
- No, his hair is quite _____ actually.
5. Ina is from India. She has _____ skin and _____ eyes.

3.4. Select the correct answer.

1. He's 45. He's _____.
 old middle-aged young elderly
2. She's 97. She's very _____.
 old middle-aged young elderly
3. He's 19. He's very _____.
 old middle-aged young elderly
4. Her aunt is 76. She's in the hospital for _____ people.
 old middle-aged young elderly
5. When we want to ask about someone's age, we ask: How _____ are you?
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3.5. Match the words to the blank space.

short	fair	overweight	tall	elderly	slim	young
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Example: She's only 1 metre 50. She's quite short.

1. Very _____ people are often good at basketball.
2. Models are usually _____.
3. Does she have dark skin? No, it's _____.
4. She's only seven. She's very _____.
5. If I eat too much, I'll be _____.
6. My grandmother is in this hospital. It's a hospital for _____ people.

3.6. Grammar. Present simple.

WE ASK:	WE ANSWER:
What does he look like ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He is good looking. - He is tall and slim. - He has blond hair and blue eyes. - He has a beard.
How old is she?	- She is 20. She is young.
How much do you weigh ?	- I weigh 70 kilos.
How tall are you?	- I am 1.80 meters tall.

QUESTION FORMS:	SHORT ANSWERS:
- Are you overweight?	- Yes, I am . - No, I'm not .
- Is she *blonde? - Is he *blond?	- Yes, she is . / No, she isn't - Yes, he is . / No, he isn't .
- Are they middle-aged?	- Yes, they are . - No, they aren't .
- Have you got green eyes?	- Yes, I have . - No, I haven't .
- Has he got a moustache?	- Yes, he has . - No, he hasn't
- Have they got dark skin?	- Yes, they have . - No, they haven't .
* Learning tip: Notice the difference in spelling: women are blonde , and men are blond	



3.7. Select the correct answer.

1. What is she look like?
 What does she look like?

2. He is short and slim.
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3. How old you are?
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4. He is blond.
 He is blonde.

5. He hasn't got a beard.
 He isn't got a beard.

6. How tall are you?
 How tall have you?

7. They are fair skin and blue eyes.
 They have fair skin and blue eyes.

8. How much do you weigh?
 How much weigh you?





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Yes, she is

Yes, she has.

Yes, she isn't.

2. Has he got a beard?

No, he isn't

No, he haven't

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3. Are they very young?

Yes, they have

Yes, they are

No, they are

4. Have you got brown eyes?

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