

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

What does he/she look like?

We use this question to talk about a person’s **physical appearance**.

**Age**

baby / child / teenager / young / middle-aged / adult / old

**Race / skin**

Caucasian African-American mixed-race Asian

**Face**

thin round oval

**Nose**

pointed broad straight

**Eyes**

narrow round  
black blue brown green eyes

**Hair**

**Length:**

bald shoulder-length  
long short

**Type:**

curly wavy straight

**Color:**

blonde black brunette red-haired

**Mustache, goatee and beard**

beard mustache goatee  
clean-shaven pencil mustache scruffy beard

**Lips**

thin full

**Mouth**

big small

**Body. Build**

thin overweight slim

**Body. Height**

short medium-height tall

GRAMMAR. Verbs

**To be.**  
We use the verb “to be” to:

- Say the **age** of a person  
(E.g. *I’m 16 years old.*)
- Describe the **eyes** and the **hair** of a person.  
(E.g. *His eyes **are** big and blue and his hair is short and blonde.*)
- Speak about the **height** and **build**  
(E.g. *They **are** thin and tall.*)

**To have.**  
We use the verb “to have” or “have/has got” to describe the hair and eyes of a person.  
(E.g. *He **has** big blue eyes and short Brown hair. / We have curly hair.*)

**To wear.**  
We use the verb “to wear” to describe a person’s clothes and accessories.  
(E.g. *She wears blue jeans, white shirt and a pair of glasses. / I wear a green dress with black shoes.*)

PERSONALITY TYPES


What is he/she like?

We use this question to talk about a person’s **personality**.

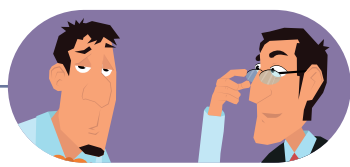
 patient / impatient	 careful / careless	 bored / entertained	 sociable / shy	 generous / selfish	 optimistic / pessimistic
 tired / energetic	 tidy / untidy	 happy / angry or sad	 hard-working / lazy	 embarrassed / proud	 rude / friendly

**To be.**  
When you describe somebody’s personality, you use the verb “to be”.

(E.g. *She **is** funny, energetic and sociable.*)



(E.g. *They **are** hard-working and friendly.*)



Examples



This is Will. He is African-American and lives in Philadelphia. He is tall and slim with short curly black hair. He has black eyes and full lips. He is stressed because he works a lot.



This is Boris. He is Russian and lives in Moscow. He is tall and slim but very strong. He is bald but has a long white beard with a moustache. He uses a walking stick. He is angry because it is snowing outside.




This is Chen. She is Asian and lives in Kyoto, Japan. She is 87 years old. She is short and slim with long grey hair. She has a round face, small eyes and thin lips. She is smiling because her family is visiting her.




This is Eva. She is 16 years old and lives in Mexico City. She is a teenager. She is short and fit. She has long black hair and big brown eyes. She is very happy because she has won her first football match.

Describing myself!



I’m Roberto. I’m Argentinian but I live in Spain. I’m 45 years old. I have black hair and normally I have a goatee. My eyes are narrow.  
I’m not very tall but I’m a bit overweight. I should lose some weight but I love food. I’m hard-working and sociable.

Describing using the plural form



They’re Luis and Pepe. They’re twins and they’re 40 years old. Pepe is tall and slim but Luis is strong and short. Pepe doesn’t like beards but Luis has a goatee. They’re both architects but Luis is more creative and Pepe is better at maths.