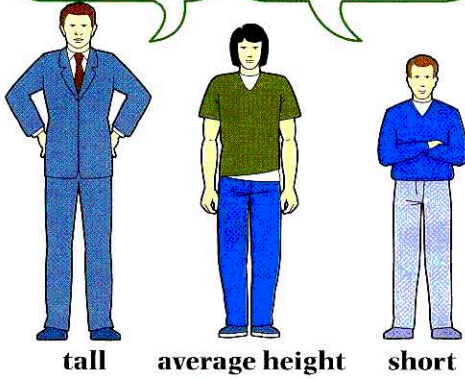


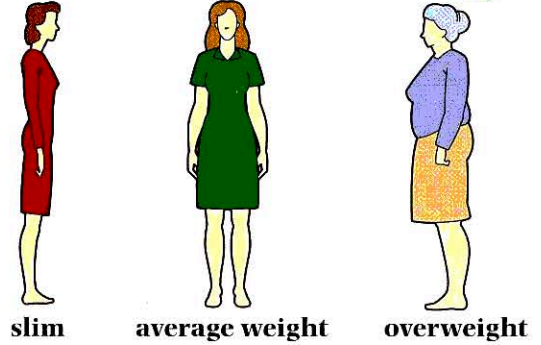
13 I can describe people

A General description

How tall is he? He's 175 cms (tall).



How much does she weigh? She weighs about 60 kgs.



He's [(very) **good-looking.**
(very) **attractive.**



She's [**beautiful.**
(very) **attractive.**



He's [**not very attractive.**
She's]

1 True or false? Write T or F.

- ▶ If you are *overweight*, you aren't *slim*. T
- 1 *Average height* means not tall and not short.
- 2 *Attractive* and *good-looking* mean the same.
- 3 You can say a man is *good-looking* or *beautiful*.
- 4 If someone is *fat*, they are *overweight*.
- 5 The answer to 'How much does he weigh?' is '200 cms'.
- 6 'How tall are you?' is correct.
- 7 It is polite to call someone *fat* and *ugly*.
- 8 *Thin* and *slim* mean the same, but *thin* is more positive.

spotlight *thin, fat, ugly*

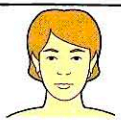





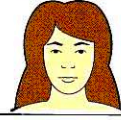




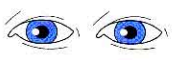


- **Thin** means **slim**, but **slim** is more positive.
- It isn't polite to tell someone they are **fat**. It is more polite to say they are **overweight**.
- The opposite of **beautiful/good-looking** is **ugly**, but it isn't polite to tell someone they're **ugly**.

2 Complete the dialogues. Don't use the words in *italics* in your answer.

- ▶ Is he *attractive*? ~ Yes, he's good-looking.
- 1 She's not tall or short, really. ~ No, she's average
- 2 Are the two brothers *attractive*? ~ Yes, they're both
- 3 Is she quite *thin*? ~ Yes, she's very
- 4 He's about average weight. ~ Yes, he 75 kgs.
- 5 Is he *overweight*? ~ Yes, he's a bit
- 6 Is she very *attractive*? ~ Yes, she's

3 Test yourself. Cover the words and look at the pictures. Say the words.

B Hair and eyes

	How long?	What colour?	What kind?	
She's got	short 	blonde 	straight 	hair
	medium-length 	light brown 	curly 	
	long 	dark brown 	wavy 	
He's got		brown eyes 		
		green eyes 		
		blue eyes 		
	a beard 	a moustache 		

4 Cross out the adjective you don't need.

- ▶ She's got long, dark brown, ~~black~~ hair. (or She's got long, ~~dark brown~~, black hair.)
- 1 I've got medium-length, short, curly hair.
- 2 Her hair is short, blonde, light brown, and wavy.
- 3 My sister's hair is short, long, and curly.
- 4 My brother's got short, grey, black hair and a moustache.
- 5 My father's got a beard and long, wavy, straight hair.

5 Complete the questions. (You will write your answers in Exercise 6.)

- ▶ Is your hair brown? Is it dark brown or light brown?
- 1 Is your hair long, m____-l____, or s____?
- 2 What colour is it: bl____, br____, or g____?
- 3 Is your hair st____, w____, or c____?
- 4 Have you got a b____ or a m____?
- 5 Have you got br____ eyes?

ABOUT YOU

No, it's blonde.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 5. Then, if possible, tell another person about yourself.

I've got long, dark hair and...

C How old are they? 🎧

Age	Word/phrase
→ 18 months; before they can walk	a baby
2 → 10 or 11	a child plural children
13 → about 17	a teenager OR a young person plural young people
18 →	an adult
about 45 → 60	a middle-aged person
65 →	an elderly man or woman (more polite than old)

spotlight	Other phrases for age	
in his her	} teens (13 → about 17)	
in my his her		
	} early twenties (20 → 23)	
		} mid-thirties (34 → 36)

7 Match 1 – 8 with a – i.

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| ▶ me (45) <u>d</u> | a elderly |
| 1 my wife (38) _____ | b in her late thirties |
| 2 my son (6 months) _____ | c a teenager |
| 3 my daughter (7) _____ | d in my mid-forties ✓ |
| 4 my brother (47) _____ | e a baby |
| 5 my nephew (14) _____ | f in her early sixties |
| 6 my aunt (63) _____ | g an adult |
| 7 my father (79) _____ | h middle-aged |
| 8 my niece (21) _____ | i a child |

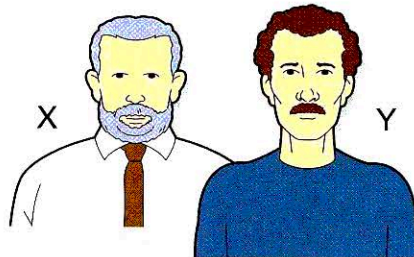
8 ABOUT YOU Write the names of people in your family, or tell another student.

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|--|------------------------------------|
| ▶ a baby <u>Marcus (my sister's son)</u> | 4 an elderly woman _____ |
| 1 a young person _____ | 5 an elderly man _____ |
| 2 a middle-aged person _____ | 6 a baby _____ |
| 3 someone in his/her twenties _____ | 7 someone in his/her fifties _____ |

9 Test yourself. Cover column two of the table. Look at the 'age' column and say the words and phrases.

10 Read the police description. Which man are the police looking for, X or Y?

The man we are looking for is in his mid-thirties. He is slim, with dark brown curly hair and a moustache. If you see him, please ring the police on 0088 997 4422.



11 Write a description of the other man. Use the text above to help you.

The other man is _____
