



# Words to Describe How People Look

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## Describing People's Appearance

When you meet someone new or describe your friend to a classmate, you need words that paint a clear picture. In **Modern Foreign Languages**, learning **appearance adjectives** helps you talk about people in **English, French, Spanish, German**, and other languages.

There are four main areas to describe: **height and build, facial features, hair**, and **general style**.

### Height and Build

Start with how tall someone is. You might say someone is **tall, short, medium-height**, or **average**. For body shape, you could use **slim, thin, muscular, athletic, curvy, stocky**, or **broad-shouldered**. These words help paint a quick mental picture.

Think of it like: If you were drawing a person from a description, height and build words give you the basic outline or frame.

### Facial Features

Eyes come in different colours: **blue, brown, green, hazel**, or **grey**. You can describe them as **bright, dark, sparkling**, or **gentle**. A face might be **round, oval, square, angular**, or **heart-shaped**. Other features include a **freckled nose, dimples, high cheekbones**, or a **strong jaw**.

### Hair

Hair deserves its own section because it changes so much! Describe the **length (long, short, shoulder-length)**, the **texture (straight, wavy, curly, frizzy)**, and the **colour (blonde, brunette, black, red, grey, dyed)**. You might also mention **thick, thin, bald**, or whether it's **well-groomed**.

Think of it like: Hair is like the frame of a picture—it really catches your eye first, so it's important to describe it well.

## Style and General Impression

Beyond physical traits, you can describe how someone **dresses** or **presents themselves**. Words like **stylish, casual, formal, trendy, neat**, or **colourful** paint a complete picture. Someone might look **friendly, serious, energetic**, or **calm** based on their whole appearance together.

## Why This Matters in Language Learning

When you're learning a new language, these **adjectives** are essential because people want to share information about others. Whether you're reading a book, watching a film, or having a conversation, describing appearance comes up constantly. Mastering these words makes you a more fluent and confident speaker.