

DESCRIBE PEOPLE'S APPEARANCE

INTRODUCTION

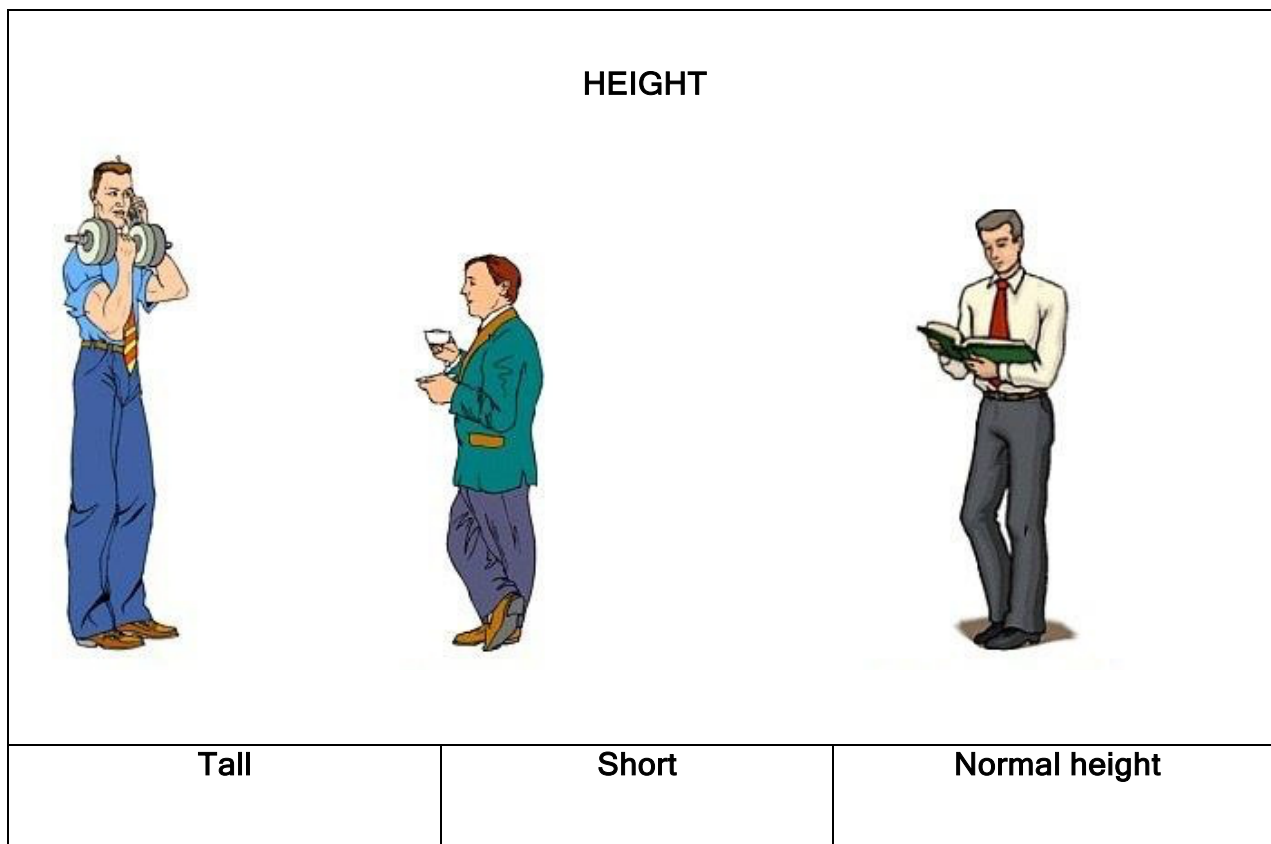
Today, we are going to learn how to **describe people's physical appearance**. This is a very common skill in real life: meeting people, talking about friends, describing someone you saw, or even in professional contexts.

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Use vocabulary to describe physical appearance.
- Use correct grammar structures.
- Describe people clearly in conversations.

VOCABULARY: PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A. Height & build (body type)



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BUILD			
			
Well-built	Slim	Overweight	Fat

B. Hair

LENGTH		
		
Short	Medium-length	Long
TYPE		
		
Straight	Wavy	Curly

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Braids	Ponytail	Pigtails	
			
COLOR			
Black	Blonde	Red/ginger	Brown

C. Eyes

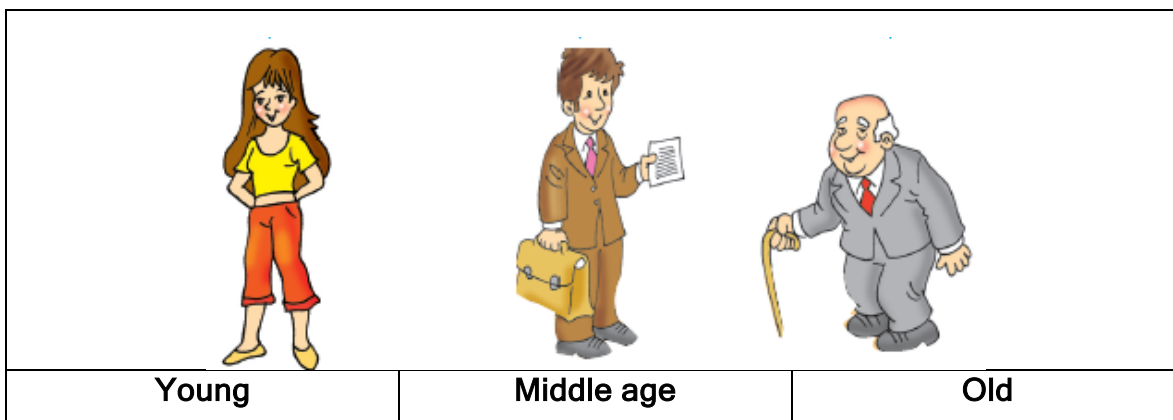
		
Brown	Green	Blue
		
Small		Big

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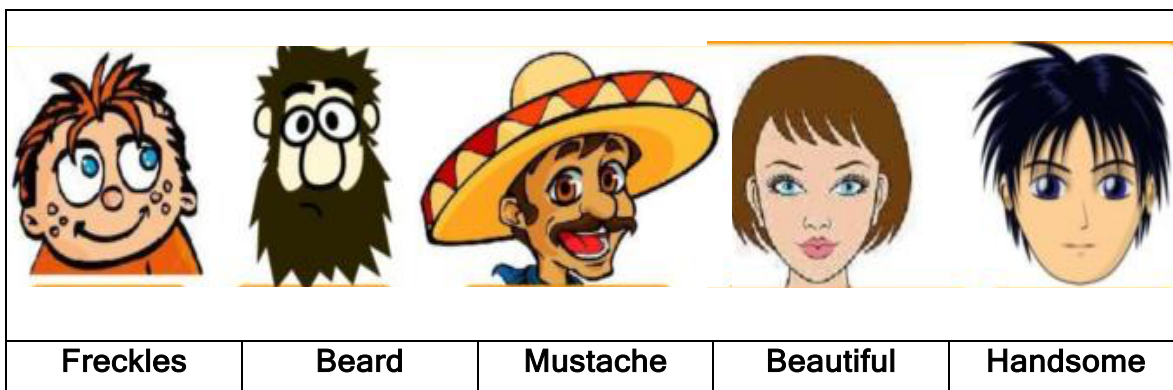
D. Face



E. Age



F. Special feature



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GRAMMAR: HOW TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE

A. Verb to be (general appearance)

- **Structure:**

Subject + **be** + adjective

- **Examples:**

- I **am** middle-aged.
- He **is** well-built.
- She **is** slim.
- You **are** young.
- They **are** attractive.
- He **is** not very tall.
- They **are** not handsome.
- I **am** not tall.

B. Verb have / has (specific features)

- **Structure:**

Subject + **have / has** + noun

- **Examples:**

- I **have** green eyes.
- She **has** long hair.
- He **has** a beard.
- You **have** a round face.
- They **have** a beard.
- They **don't have** a mustache.

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C. Adjective Order (simple)

The order of adjectives in English follows a specific hierarchy before the noun, generally: opinion, size, age, shape, color. Unlike Spanish, adjectives precede the noun and are not usually used in groups of more than three to avoid confusing sentences.

- Structure:

Opinion → Size → age → shape → Color → Noun

- Examples:

- She has **beautiful long blonde** hair.
- He is a **tall young** man.
- Germans are **tall and well-built**.

- **Do NOT separate adjectives with commas in English.**

MODELS DESCRIPTIONS

- Example 1:

- My best friend is tall and slim.
- She has long black hair and brown eyes.
- She has freckles too.

- Example 2:

- My professor is a medium-height man.
- He has short gray hair and a beard.
- He is well-built and always dresses formally.

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CONVERSATION EXAMPLE: DESCRIBING A PERSON

- **Ana:**
Hey, have you met the new student in our class?
- **Carlos:**
No, I haven't. What does she look like?
- **Ana:**
She's medium height and slim.
- **Carlos:**
Does she have long hair?
- **Ana:**
Yes, she has long, straight brown hair and blue eyes.
- **Carlos:**
Does she wear glasses?
- **Ana:**
No, she doesn't, but she sometimes wears contact lenses.
- **Carlos:**
And what about her style?
- **Ana:**
She dresses casually. She usually wears jeans and sneakers.
- **Carlos:**
Oh, I think I saw her yesterday. She looks friendly.
- **Ana:**
Yes, she does. She's very nice.

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