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The typical question to ask about somebody's appearance is:
What do you look like? - What does he / she look like?

BUILD

People are built in **all shapes and sizes**:

fat – overweight - obese – plump – chubby - heavy

thin – lean - slim – skinny – slender – petite (for a woman)

well-built – stocky – wiry – muscular – athletic - **well-proportioned**.

curvy - curvaceous (woman) / an **hour-glass figure - statuesque**

fit - To be fit you should **take plenty of exercise**.

flabby = when your muscles go soft

COMPLEXION

You can have a **fair skin**/complexion or a **dark skin**.

People who are **black** are called **person of colour**.

People whose parents are of different ethnic origin are **mixed-race**.

FACE

Some people have **oval faces** – their **foreheads** are much wider than their **chins**.

Other people have **heart-shaped, square** or **round faces**.

a hooked nose = a prominent nose (but not a wide nose)

a broad nose = opposite of a narrow nose

a snub nose = a nose which goes up at the end.

high cheekbones = prominent cheekbones

dimples = when you get little hollows in your cheeks

bushy eyebrows = lots of thick hair on your eyebrows

freckles = small brown dots on your face and arms from the sun

HAIR

You can have **straight, curly or wavy hair**

short, long, shoulder-length hair

fine, thick or havy hair

losing your hair / going bald = when men start to lose their hair

a **shaved head** = where your hair is shaved off

a **receding hairline** = when you lose your hair from your forehead

cut in a bob = a short hair style, where the hair comes down to your chin

a **fringe** = where it is cut horizontally across her forehead

a **ponytail** = where you tie (long) hair behind your head.