Describing people: appearance

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each appearance word with its meaning.

1 curly hair	____	a hair without waves or curls
2 straight hair	____	b small brown marks on the skin
3 blonde hair	____	c wearing attractive, tidy clothes
4 dark hair	____	d hair that forms rings
5 a beard	____	e hair on the chin and cheeks
6 a moustache	____	f having a narrow, healthy-looking build
7 freckles	____	g light yellow hair
8 tall	____	h hair above the upper lip
9 slim	____	i having greater than average height
10 well-dressed	____	j brown or black hair

2 Choose the correct form.

1 Lena *is / has* tall and slim.

2 Omar *is / has* got short, curly hair.

3 My brother wears *glasses / glass*.

4 The man has a grey *beard / bald*.

5 Sara has *long straight / straight long* hair.

6 He is *medium height / of medium height*.

7 She has *a round face / round-faced*.

8 Tom is in *his thirty / his thirties*.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

bald | brown | curly | glasses | medium height | round | slim | young

Eva: She is quite **1** _____ and has a **2** _____ face. Her hair is short, **3** _____ and **4** _____.

Mr Lee: He is of **5** _____. He is **6** _____ and wears **7** _____.

Nico: He is a **8** _____ man with dark hair and a friendly smile.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 tall	____	a older
2 slim	____	b short-haired
3 curly	____	c fair-haired
4 dark-haired	____	d short
5 young	____	e straight
6 well-dressed	____	f untidy-looking
7 attractive	____	g unattractive
8 long-haired	____	h stocky

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

Two new classmates

Maya and Ben joined our class on Monday. Maya is tall and slim, with long, wavy auburn hair and green eyes. She often wears colourful glasses. Ben is shorter and has a stocky build. He has short dark hair, a square face and a small moustache. Both students are usually casually dressed. Maya looks older than Ben, but they are both sixteen. Ben's most distinctive feature is a small scar above his left eyebrow.

1 Maya has straight blonde hair. T / F

2 Maya wears glasses. T / F

3 Ben is taller than Maya. T / F

4 Ben has a moustache. T / F

5 Maya is older than Ben. T / F

6 Ben has a scar near his eye. T / F

6 Complete the approximate descriptions with -ish.

1 about thirty: _____

2 quite tall: _____

3 more brown than another colour: _____

4 rather thin: _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **70-90 word** description of a real or imaginary person. Include hair, face, height, build, clothes and one distinctive feature.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use *be* and *have got* accurately. [ ] Keep the description respectful.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Appearance words

1 **d** 2 **a** 3 **g** 4 **j** 5 **e** 6 **h** 7 **b** 8 **i** 9 **f** 10 **c**

2 Choose the correct form

1 **is** 2 **has** 3 **glasses** 4 **beard** 5 **long straight** 6 **of medium height** 7 **a round face** 8 **his thirties**

3 Descriptions

1 **slim** 2 **round** 3 **curly** 4 **brown** 5 **medium height** 6 **bald** 7 **glasses** 8 **young**

4 Opposites

1 **d** 2 **h** 3 **e** 4 **c** 5 **a** 6 **f** 7 **g** 8 **b**

5 Reading

1 **F** - Maya has wavy auburn hair.
2 **T**
3 **F** - Ben is shorter than Maya.
4 **T**
5 **F** - They are both sixteen.
6 **T**

6 Approximate descriptions

1 **thirtyish** 2 **tallish** 3 **brownish** 4 **thinnish**

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and respectful wording.