

### **Describing people**

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# tall ugly weak ugly mean small short thin old strong

Match the adjectives below to their opposite.

#### 2 Match the adjectives in A below to the adjectives in B.

| Example  | <i>middle-aged</i> is closest in meaning to <i>old/young</i> .  |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| A  | В   | А   |  |
| overweight<br>elderly<br>middle-aged<br>chubby<br>muscular<br>handsome<br>well-built<br>petite | short<br>fat<br>tall<br>young<br>strong<br>generous<br>thin ◀<br>beautiful<br>big<br>mean<br>ugly<br>old<br>small | good-looking<br>slim<br>of medium height<br>skinny<br>attractive<br>gorgeous<br>plain |  |

Which of the words above have a negative, critical meaning?Which of the words in A can be used to describe the people below?a. a manb. a womanc. a person over 50d. a person over 70

- e. a bodybuilder f. a supermodel
- g. you

#### 3 Put the adverbs in order from the weakest to the strongest.

| <ul><li>✓</li><li>weakest</li></ul> |        |          | strongest |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|--|
| really                              | fairly | not verv |           |  |

| extremely absolute | ely quite |  |
|--------------------|-----------|--|





Match an adverb from the list above to one of the adjectives in exercises 1 and 2, then write a sentence to rephrase the sentences below.

Example She is 97 years old. She's extremely old./She is very elderly.

- 1 She's the most beautiful woman in the world.
- 2 He is an Olympic weightlifter.
- 3 She will only eat one piece of fruit a day, and nothing else.
- 4 Since I stopped cycling to work, I've put on a bit of weight.
- 5 Frank is the best-looking man in the world.

*Absolutely* only goes with one adjective from exercises 1 and 2. Which adjective? Why?

## 4 Match the parts of the face with the list of adjectives that can be used to describe them.

| ears | nose        | eyes  | lips  |  |
|------|-------------|-------|-------|--|
|      |             |       |       |  |
| big  | snub        | point | ed    |  |
| thin | full        | sexy  |       |  |
| big  | bright      | blue  |       |  |
| big  | cauliflower | stick | y-out |  |

6 **Read this advertisement from a Hollywood magazine.** Do you think they are looking for the lead actor for the movie, *Superman XII*, or the movie, *Everlasting Love*?

*Mirrorman Studios* seek a tall, muscular man with bright, blue eyes and full, sexy lips to play in our new movie. He must be extremely handsome, fit and athletic, and very strong. Experience of flying important. Please apply to *Mirrorman Studios*.

Now write an advertisement, seeking lead actors or actresses for one of the following movies:

Braveheart II Die Hard VI Star Wars Episode IX Two Weddings and a Birthday party True Love The Funny Policeman

6 **Prepare to describe people in your family**. Think of two or three people in your family and write notes to describe them. When you are ready, work with a partner, and ask and answer questions.

Can you describe \_\_\_\_\_?





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What does he/she look like?

