

Describing People

<p>Outer appearance</p> <p>Height to be ... tall, tallish (<i>ziemlich groß</i>), short, short(-ish), of medium height</p>	<p>Build to be... strong, vigorous (<i>kräftig</i>) / stout (<i>stämmig</i>) / athletic (<i>sportlich</i>) / muscular, wiry (<i>drahtig</i>), delicate (<i>zart</i>) / feeble (<i>kraftlos</i>) / frail (<i>gebrechlich</i>) / weak / plump (<i>mollig, rundlich</i>) / overweight / obese [-' -] / generously proportioned / slender (<i>schlank</i>) / slim (<i>dünn</i>) / gaunt / (<i>hager</i>), skinny / emaciated (<i>abgemagert</i>) to have... energy, stamina [‘---] (<i>Durchhaltevermögen</i>), drive (<i>Unternehmungsgeist</i>) to be in (a/n) excellent / good / bad physical condition</p>
<p>Age to be... young, elderly, middle-aged, a teenager, in one’s 20s etc.</p>	<p>Clothes casual (<i>leger</i>), scruffy (<i>dreckig, vergammelt</i>), shabby (<i>abgetragen</i>), tattered (<i>zerlumpt</i>) / his or her clothes were in tatters to wear... formal (<i>z. B. Abendkleid, Frack</i>) / smart (<i>schick, elegant</i>), fashionable to be... well-dressed (<i>gut gekleidet</i>), dressed up (<i>aufgeputzt</i>)</p>
<p>Nose to have... a big, short, long, flat, straight, hooked, turned-up, snub (<i>Stups-</i>), aquiline (<i>Adler-</i>) nose to be... snub-nosed (<i>stupsnasig</i>), hook-nosed, to turn up one’s nose at sth. (<i>die Nase rümpfen</i>)</p>	<p>Eyes to have... big, round, large, small, bright, narrow, dreamy to be... big-eyed, blind, near-sighted, far-sighted, to have... a kind, an angry, a hostile (<i>feindlich</i>), a threatening (<i>drohend</i>), a keen (<i>aufmerksam</i>), a piercing (<i>durchdringend</i>), a dull (<i>ausdruckslos</i>), bored, a curious, an inquisitive (<i>neugierig</i>) look to look up, down, to the side, away, at someone / to look someone straight in the eye / to establish / keep eye-contact with s.o. / see eye to eye (<i>sich [gut] verstehen</i>)</p>
<p>Chin and Ears to have a ... a small, big, fleshy, double, protruding (<i>hervorstehend</i>), pointed (<i>spitz</i>), a double chin / a square chin / to have / grow / sport a goatee (<i>Spitzbart</i>), moustache (<i>Schnurrbart</i>), beard (<i>Vollbart</i>) to have... small, big, fleshy ears, cauliflower ears (deformed through injuries) / pierced ears</p>	<p>Face and Head to have... a fleshy, chubby (<i>pausbäckig</i>), clean, unwashed, unshaven, bearded, wrinkled (<i>faltig</i>), lined (<i>zerfurcht</i>), hollow-cheeked, youthful, pale, tanned, rosy, red, freckled (<i>sommersprossig</i>) face to look... blank (<i>ausdruckslos</i>), merry / weary (müde, matt), sad / (<i>traurig, deprimiert</i>) / frustrated / stern (<i>streng</i>)... there is an expression of... fear, anger, hate, joy, malicious joy, (<i>Schadenfreude</i>), irony, pain in his face to display... a sad, sorrowful, hesitant (<i>zögernd</i>) countenance (<i>Miene, Haltung</i>) to... pull one’s face into a grimace, to put on a mask to... lift up, raise, drop, bend, tilt (<i>neigen</i>), bow [rhymes with ‘how’], turn aside, nod, shake one’s head, to frown, to knit one’s brow [rhymes with ‘how’] (<i>Stirn runzeln</i>)</p>

<p>Head & Hair to have a... small / big massive / round / oval / square head / skull to have ...fair, blond(e), red, brown, dark, grey, white, dyed (<i>gefärbt</i>) hair his/her hair is... curly, wavy, straight, tousled (<i>struppig</i>) s/he... bald (<i>hat eine Glatze</i>) is balding</p>	<p>Mouth to have... a thin-lipped, a thick-lipped, a tight (<i>fest ver- schlossen</i>) mouth, pinched (<i>verkniffen</i>) / to pout (<i>Schmoll- mund machen</i>) to be tight-lipped (<i>wortkarg</i>) (<i>someone's mouth was</i>) distorted with pain (<i>schmerzverzerrt</i>) there is a... mocking, ironic, sarcastic smile on his lips to... smile, laugh (at), to chuckle (<i>in sich hineinlachen</i>) / to lick / bite one's lips</p>
<p>Posture / Gestures to be... round-shouldered, straight-backed to stand... straight / upright / to bend forward / back- ward / to squat (<i>kau- ern</i>) / to slouch about (<i>herumhängen</i>) / to sprawl (<i>sich räkeln</i>) to have... the bearing of a lady, a soldier, a ballet ['--] dancer... to make a gesture of... acceptance, frustra- tion, refusal, aston- ishment, embarrass- ment... to... cross one's arms/legs / point one's finger at someone / clench one's fist / shake one's fist at someone / turn one's back on someone reach out with one's arm / welcome some- one with open arms / wag one's finger at someone</p>	<p>Character Traits a person seems / appears to be / comes across as / is probably... careful / hard-working / (<i>fleißig</i>) / self-confident / cheerful / merry / glad / happy / active / curious / broad- minded / practical / sensible (<i>vernünftig</i>) / imaginative / generous / loyal / genuine / just / fair / honest / sincere / gentle / strong-minded / energetic / self-controlled / composed / cool (<i>gelassen</i>) / independent / ambitious / mod- est / tolerant / intelligent / bright / smart / relaxed / dominant / outgoing / lively / sociable (<i>gesellig</i>) / self-centered, selfish, / aggressive / careless / optimistic / creative / inventive / cunning / crafty (<i>listig, schlau</i>) / wise (er- fahren) / matter-of-fact (<i>sachlich</i>) / conscientious (<i>gewissen- haft</i>) / brave / courageous / boring / moody / ill-tempered shy / timid (<i>schüchtern, furchtsam</i>) / stubborn / obstinate (<i>stur, halsstarrig</i>) / naïve / intolerant / clumsy / self-conscious / insecure / moody / stu- pid / silly / dull / daft (<i>dumm, doof</i>) tense / nervous / introvert / dishonest / insincere / diffident / timid (<i>schüchtern</i>) / frustrated conceited / arrogant (<i>eingebildet</i>) / snooty / boastful / snob- bish (<i>großkotzig</i>) / embarrassed / afraid of... / disappointed / sorrowful / sad / brokenhearted / pessimistic / superficial / lazy / idle (<i>faul</i>) / slack (<i>lasch, nachlässig</i>) / pedantic (<i>über- trieben genau</i>) / hypocritical, two-faced (<i>scheinheilig</i>) / irrita- ble (<i>reizbar</i>) / impulsive (<i>unbeherrscht</i>) / narrow-minded / fearless / decent (<i>anständig</i>) / consistent (<i>beständig</i>) / with- drawn / self-righteous (<i>selbstgerecht</i>) / vain (<i>eitel</i>) / impudent (<i>unverschämt</i>) / hesitant (<i>zögerlich</i>) / tight-fisted / mean (<i>knauserig</i>) / unsociable / reserved / bossy / submissive (unterwürfig) / ruthless (<i>rücksichtslos</i>) / ambivalent (<i>zwie- spältig</i>) / eccentric (<i>verschroben, absonderlich</i>) / depressed (<i>deprimiert</i>)</p>