

# DESCRIBING THE PEOPLE IN THE PHOTOGRAPH

## DESCRIBING SOMEONE'S AGE

In the picture I can see a(n)

- baby - child - a teenager - an adult - an old person

*\* Remember you are describing a picture so , when talking about age you can only guess. Therefore, you can't say: She is 36.... Because you don't know .*

Use instead:

I think she is / she looks....

- in her early/mid/late forties/fifties/ teens
- He's middle-aged
- (probably) about 30
- old /young

## DESCRIBING SOMEONE'S HAIR

- **Length** : short, medium-length , long
- **Appearance**: Wavy /weivi/ , curly / k3:li/ , straight /streit/
- **Hair colour** : black, brown, fair, red, white. He's bald ( no hair)
- **Facial hair** : a beard /biəd/ , a moustache /məs'ta:ʃ / , goatee /gəu'ti:/, sideburns
- **Hairstyles**: braids, ponytail, pigtail, bun Ex. Her hair is in a pigtail

## DESCRIBING WHAT SOMEONE IS WEARING.

- Sentence starters
  - He is well dressed
  - He is wearing casual clothes
  - He is wearing formal/informal clothes.
  - He is wearing fashionable clothes
  - He is smartly dressed / He is wearing smart clothes
- Materials
  - Cotton... he is wearing a blue cotton shirt
  - Silk.....she is wearing a silk blouse
  - Woolly .... she is wearing a woolly jumper
  - Leather .... she is wearing a leather jacket
  - Denim ..... she is wearing a denim skirt

- Patterns
  - striped /straip/
  - floral
  - plain
  - checked /        /
  
- It has...
  - short / long sleeves
  - buttons
  - a zip

Ex: He is wearing a striped blue shirt with short sleeves and red buttons and a leather jacket.

.... **ALSO**

- She's wearing a small earrings
- She's got a nose ring and a small tattoo on her shoulder
- She's carrying a handbag , rucksack

**DESCRIBING HOW THEY FEEL**

She looks.....**tired, excited, nervous, worried, bored, happy, sad, angry....** ( can you add any others?)

\*One way to improve your description would be using intensifiers such as.:

**Quite/ a bit/ very/ really, rather...** ( Can you think of any others)

EX. She looks a bit tired because she ...

She seems a bit nervous

They look quite happy because she is smiling / laughing

He seems very sad because he is crying

They both look rather worried

**She looks as if she's** going to cry

**She looks as if** she is going to laugh

**IMPROVING YOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

- They've **both** got blonde hair/ They are **both** wearing jeans
- Adding opinions: Her shoes look expensive.
- He's wearing **really** nice clothes
- She's about 1.80. ;**that's really tall**
- **I can see a woman** (and she's) **sitting on the sofa.**
- The man is wearing as suit. **He must be on his way to work**
- **He must be late because he looks stressed**

### **HINTS AND TIPS FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH**

- You have to describe a colour photograph
- Describe the place, the people in the photo and what they are doing, any important objects and where they are
- Imagine you are describing the picture to someone who can't see. Include the name of the objects, and describe colours, people's clothes, the weather and so on.
- Talk about facts and impressions: There's a.../ she looks..
- If you don't understand what is happening in the photo, just describe what you can see
- Try to sound interested and curious about the subject of your photo; avoid giving a boring "list" of things you can see.
- Learn expressions to use when you won't know the word for something, e.g *I don't know what it's called in English, but it's like/ it's a kind of...It's a thing for...You can use it to...*

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