Physical appearance

1 Look at the words below.

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<th>lanky</th>
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<td>skinny</td>
<td>petite</td>
<td>slim</td>
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<td>wiry</td>
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Which of the following people could they be used to describe?

a. a strong, thin man  
b. a small, thin woman  
c. a tall, thin man  
d. a small, fat, strong man  
e. an attractive woman with broad hips and a big bust  
f. a tall, thin woman

2 Which of the phrases below suggest

a. a slim, strong man  
b. a big, fat man  
c. an attractive man (in your opinion)

He’s got a double chin  He’s got a pot belly  
He’s got a beard and moustache  He’s bald  
He’s got sideburns  He’s got slim hips and a narrow waist  
He’s broad-shouldered  He’s got high cheekbones  
He’s got a six pack  He’s long-legged

3 What’s the difference between the following?

a. a ponytail  a pigtail  a goatee  
b. flat-chested  pigeon-chested  broad-chested  
c. bony  big-boned  skin and bones  
d. handsome  gorgeous  attractive  
e. hunky  cute  charming

4 Read the descriptions of different people. Then complete the final sentence in the most appropriate way.

a. When I last saw my brother, he was a long, lanky eighteen-year-old with scruffy, long hair and a thin moustache that looked silly. He was skinny and shy. But now, I’ve just returned from two years in America, and he’s absolutely gorgeous. He’s ________________________________.
b. When he was young my dad was short, slim and wiry. He played rugby, and he was very fast and strong. But now, well, he’s put on a bit of weight, and he would best be described as ____________________________________.

c. My friend Sara has always been a bit chubby, and over Christmas she ate lots of good food, and got depressed because she was really overweight. So she went on a crash diet, lost loads of weight, and started working out at the gym. She’s transformed. Now, she’s ____________________________________.

5 Write a description of someone you know well, a friend or a relative, whose appearance has changed. What did they look like before, and what do they look like now? Why and how did they change?

6 Prepare to discuss these questions.

1 How would you describe your own appearance?
2 Who do you take after in your family?
3 What physical characteristics do you find attractive?
4 How would you describe the physical appearance of your ideal man/woman?
5 Do you think the way we look is important?
   a. when finding a partner
   b. when making friends
   c. at work

Interview your partner.
Ears and eyes Dictionary Quiz

1 What’s an eardrum?
2 Which is correct: lend an ear or lend an eye?
3 If you keep an eye on someone, how do you feel about them?
4 What do you do if you play something by ear?
5 What’s the difference between an eyeful and an earful?
6 If something is very noisy is it earbashing or ear-splitting?
7 What’s the difference between an eyebrow and an eyeball?
8 If you are out on your ear, what does it mean?
9 If something catches your eye, do you like the look of it?
10 Does someone who is all ears have big ears?
11 If you don’t see eye to eye with someone, do you agree with them?