

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 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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