

**Describing People** (bilingual)

<p><b>Outer appearance</b></p> <p><b>Height</b> to be ... tall, tallish (<i>ziemlich groß</i>), short, short(-ish), of medium height</p>	<p><b>Build</b> 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>Unternehmensgeist</i>) to be in (a) excellent / good / bad physical condition</p>
<p><b>Age</b> to be ... young, elderly, middle-aged, a teenager, in one's 20s etc.</p>	<p><b>Clothes</b> 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 (z. B. <i>Abendkleid, Frack</i>) / smart (<i>schick</i>) elegant [ ' - - - ] , fashionable to be ... well-dressed (<i>gut gekleidet</i>), dressed up (<i>aufgeputzt</i>)</p>
<p><b>Nose</b> 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 sniff at something (<i>die Nase rümpfen</i>)</p>	<p><b>Eyes</b> 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>ausdrucklos</i>), bored, a curious, an inquisitive, (<i>wissbegierig</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 verstehen</i>)</p>
<p><b>Head &amp; Hair</b> to have a... small / big massive / round / oval / square <b>head</b> / <b>skull</b> to have ... fair, blond(e), red, brown, dark, grey, white, dyed (<i>gefärbt</i>) <b>hair</b> his/her hair is ... curly, wavy, straight, tousled (<i>struppig</i>) s/he ... bald (<i>hat eine Glatze</i>) is balding</p>	<p><b>Mouth</b> to have... a thin-lipped, a thick-lipped, a tight (<i>fest verschlossen</i>) mouth, pinched (<i>verkniffen</i>) / to pout (<i>Schmollmund machen</i>) / to be tight-lipped (<i>wortkarg</i>) (someone's mouth was) 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><b>Chin and Ears</b> to have a ... a small, big, fleshy,</p>	<p><b>Face and Head</b> to have ... a fleshy, chubby (<i>pausbäckig</i>), clean, unwashed, unshaven, bearded, wrinkled (<i>faltig</i>), lined (<i>zerfurcht</i>), hollow-</p>

<p>double, protruding (<i>hervorstehend</i>), pointed (<i>spitz</i>), receding (<i>fliehend</i>) chin / a double chin / a square chin /</p> <p>to have / grow / sport a goatee (<i>Spitzbart</i>), moustache (<i>Schnurrbart</i>), beard (<i>Vollbart</i>)</p> <p>to have ... small, big, fleshy ears, cauliflower ears (deformed through injuries) / pierced ears</p>	<p>cheeked, youthful, pale, tanned, rosy, red, freckled (<i>sommer-sprossig</i>) face</p> <p>to look ... blank (<i>ausdruckslos</i>), merry / weary (<i>müde, matt</i>), sad / (<i>traurig, deprimiert</i>) / frustrated / stern (<i>streng</i>), ...</p> <p>there is an expression of ... fear, anger, hate, joy, malicious joy, (<i>Schadenfreude</i>), irony, pain in his face</p> <p>to display ... a sad, sorrowful, hesitant (<i>zögernd</i>), countenance (<i>Miene, Haltung</i>)</p> <p>to ... pull one's face into a grimace, to put on a mask</p> <p>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><b>Posture and Gestures</b></p> <p>to be ...</p> <p>round-shouldered, straight-backed</p> <p>to ...</p> <p>stand straight / upright / to bend forward / backward / to squat (<i>kauern</i>) / to slouch about (<i>herumhängen</i>) / to sprawl (<i>sich räkeln</i>)</p> <p>to have ...</p> <p>the bearing of a lady, a soldier, a ballet dancer, ...</p> <p>to make a gesture of ... acceptance, frustration, refusal, astonishment, embarrassment ...</p> <p>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</p> <p>reach out with one's arm / welcome someone with open arms / wag one's finger at someone</p>	<p><b>Character Traits</b></p> <p>a person seems / appears to be / comes across as / is probably... careful / hardworking / diligent (<i>fleißig</i>) / self-confident / cheerful / merry / glad / happy / active / curious / broad-minded / practical / sensible / imaginative / generous / loyal / genuine / just / fair / honest / sincere / gentle / strong-minded / energetic / self-controlled / composed / cool (<i>gelassen</i>) / independent / ambitious / modest / tolerant / intelligent / bright / smart / relaxed / dominant / outgoing / lively / sociable (<i>gesellig</i>) / optimistic / creative / inventive / cunning / crafty (<i>listig, schlau</i>) / wise (<i>erfahren</i>) / matter-of-fact (<i>sachlich</i>) / conscientious (<i>gewissenhaft</i>) / brave / courageous /</p> <p>aggressive / careless / boring / moody / ill-tempered / selfish / shy / timid (<i>schüchtern, furchtsam</i>) / stubborn / obstinate (<i>stur, halsstarrig</i>) / naïve / intolerant / clumsy / self-conscious / insecure / moody / stupid / silly / dull / daft (<i>dumm, doof</i>)</p> <p>tense / nervous / introvert / dishonest / insincere / diffident / intimidated (<i>eingeschüchtert</i>) / frustrated</p> <p>conceited / arrogant (<i>eingebildet</i>) / snooty / boastful / snobbish (<i>großkotzig</i>) / embarrassed / afraid of ... / disappointed / sorrowful / sad / brokenhearted / pessimistic / self-centered / superficial / lazy / idle (<i>faul</i>) / slack (<i>lasch, nachlässig</i>) / pedantic (<i>übertrieben genau</i>) / hypocritical / two-faced (<i>scheinhellig</i>) / irritable (<i>reizbar</i>) / impulsive (<i>unbeherrscht</i>) / narrow-minded (<i>engstirnig</i>) /</p> <p>fearless / decent (<i>anständig</i>) / consistent (<i>beständig</i>) / withdrawn / unsociable / reserved / self-righteous (<i>selbstgerecht</i>) / vain (<i>eitel</i>) / impudent (<i>unverschämt</i>) / hesitant (<i>zögerlich</i>) / tight-fisted / mean (<i>knauserig</i>) / bossy / submissive (<i>unterwürfig</i>) / ruthless (<i>rücksichtslos</i>) / ambivalent (<i>zweispältig</i>) / eccentric (<i>verschroben, absonderlich</i>) / depressed (<i>deprimiert</i>) /</p>