

Describing appearance with be and have guess the person game

Describe what one of the people below looks like until your partner guesses who it is, using language like the phrases on the next page. They can only guess once for each hint.

- Charlie Brown
- I/ me
- James Bond/ 007
- Mr Bean
- a Disney character
- a baby
- a basketball player
- a doctor
- a female wrestler
- a model
- a newsreader
- a prince
- a princess
- a punk
- a rapper
- a receptionist
- a singer
- a skateboarder
- a snowboarder
- a sumo wrestler
- a television presenter
- a very beautiful woman
- a very cute baby
- a very handsome man
- a witch
- an actor
- my English teacher
- my aunt
- my brother
- my coach
- my cousin
- my dad/ my father
- my doll
- my favourite character
- my grandfather
- my grandmother
- my mum/ my mother
- my music teacher
- my pet
- my school teacher
- my sister
- my sports teacher
- my uncle
- you

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He is/ She is	He has/ She has (got)
● bald	• a beard
 balding 	 a moustache
 beautiful 	• a perm
 chubby 	• a scar
● cool	 a ponytail
● cute	• bunches
 fashionable 	 a big mouth/ (a) big
● fat	 a hairy chest/ hairy legs/ (a) hairy
handsome	• a long nose/ long eyelashes/ (a) long
 medium build 	 a round face/ (a) round
● old	 a small mouth/ (a) small
 pretty 	 a square face/ (a) square
● scruffy	 a tattoo/ tattoos
 short 	 black hair/ (a) black
● slim	 blond hair
 smartly dressed 	 blue eyes
 strong 	 brown hair/ (a) brown…
• tall	• curly hair
• thin	 dark brown eyes/ dark brown
● ugly	 dyed hair/ dyed
• young	 fat cheeks/ (a) fat
	 ginger hair
	 green eyes
	 grey hair
	 medium-length hair
	 pierced ears/ pierced
	 red lips/ red
	 short hair/ (a) short
	 straight hair/ (a) straight
	 thick eyebrows/ thick
	 wavy hair
	 white hair/ white
	• arms
	● … hair
	• hands
	• legs
	• skin
	• a body
	• a nose



Be and have with appearance words presentation

Without looking above, put "(He/ She) is" or "(He/ She) has (got)" in front of each of these: a beard a big mouth a hairy chest hairy legs a moustache a perm a scar a square face a... body а... tattoos dark brown eyes fat cheeks ...cheeks ... eyes ...S bald beautiful/ handsome black hair curly hair ... hair chubby cool cute fashionable fat thin/ slim medium build old pierced ears pretty scruffy short smartly dressed straight hair/ (a) straight... strong tall thick eyebrows ugly

Check your answers with the previous page. What are the patterns/ rules in the use of "have" and "be"?



Be and have with appearance words freer speaking Describing people brainstorming

Without looking above, choose someone who you both know and take turns making true sentences about how they look. If anyone repeats a description, says something not true or gives up, the other person gets one point. Do the same about different people until your teacher stops the game.

Describing people with be and have brainstorming dice game

Do the same for a different person, but this time roll the dice before you make each sentence. Depending on what number you roll, you must use this verb in your sentence:

- 1 or 2 is
- 3 or 4 has (got)
- 5 isn't
- 6 hasn't (got)

Make your own person with be and have game

Take turns describing an imaginary person. When you have said or written at least ten sentences, try to draw that person. If you made negative sentences, draw that thing next to the person with a cross (X) through it.

When you have finished the drawing, ask someone from another group to describe the person who you have drawn. Is their description the same as yours was?

Make your own person with be and have dice game

Play the same describing and drawing game as before, but this time rolling a dice to decide which verb you must use in each sentence:

- 1 or 2 is
- 3 or 4 has (got)
- 5 isn't
- 6 hasn't (got)

If you made negative sentences, draw that thing next to the person with a cross (X) through it.

Then ask someone from another group to describe the person who you have drawn, and see if their description the same as yours was or not.