

Describing People

Make your character interesting and convincing by describing their features, their expressions, their build and the way they move. Details of hair and clothing will help to create a realistic picture.

A burly figure strode along the quay, his crimson frockcoat flapping in the breeze. Where his left hand should have been, a silver hook gleamed from under a lacy cuff. One eye was hidden by a black patch, but the other glittered greedily. Beneath his tangled beard, his mouth looked thin and cruel and a deep scar ran across his weather beaten cheek.

strong
athletic
beefy
(informal)
brawny
broad-shouldered
burly
hulking
muscular
powerful
sinewy
stocky
strapping



faces
angular
babyish
chubby
craggy
flabby
fleshy
gaunt
haggard
heart-shaped
long
oval
pinched
plump
podgy
round
square
strong-jawed
triangular

Activity: Using your imagination and the pictures given, describe each of the characters in your own words. Make it as interesting and engaging as possible!



Shape and Size

Broad	Big
Crooked	Colossal
Circular	Great
Distorted	Gigantic
Flat	Huge
Hollow	Large
Narrow	Miniature
Round	Mammoth
Square	Petite
Skinny	Tall
Steep	Thin
Wide	Tiny



Descriptions

Adorable	Aggressive
Attractive	Ambitious
Alluring	Amused
Beautiful	Brave
Bewildered	Bright
Confident	Cruel
Cheerful	Combative
Cultured	Co-operative
Clumsy	Cowardly
Drab	Dangerous
Dull	Diligent
Dynamic	Determined
Disillusioned	Disagreeable
Elegant	Evil
Fair	Frank
Filthy	Fearless
Gentle	Generous
Glamorous	Gifted



dumpy
little
petite
pint-sized
(informal)
small
squat

scrawny
skeletal
skinny
spare
spindly
waiflike

weak
anaemic
delicate
feeble
fragile
frail
puny
sickly
weedy



fat
chubby
corpulent
flabby
heavy
hefty
obese
overweight
paunchy
plump
podgy
portly
potbellied
stout
tubby
weighty

