

1 Complete the table. Use the words in the box.

medium-height handsome dark good-looking young  
short (x2) straight attractive tall fair  
middle-aged bald pretty medium length slim  
curly overweight wavy in his / her thirties

Size	medium height, _____, _____, _____
General appearance	handsome, _____, _____
Age	young, _____, _____
Hair	dark, _____, _____, _____

2 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words.

- 1 She's got blue eyes. (fair blue slim)
- 2 They're in \_\_\_\_\_ sixties. (his our their)
- 3 He's very \_\_\_\_\_. (pretty good-looking wavy)
- 4 She's very \_\_\_\_\_. (tall long medium height)
- 5 He's got a \_\_\_\_\_. (short hair beard bald)

3a Complete the description of the woman in the photo. Choose the correct answers.

My wife's <sup>1</sup>young/old - she's in her <sup>2</sup>twenties/fifties. She's quite <sup>3</sup>short/tall and <sup>4</sup>slim/overweight. She's got green eyes and <sup>5</sup>short/medium-length, <sup>6</sup>fair/dark hair - it's <sup>7</sup>curly/straight. I think she's very <sup>8</sup>pretty/handsome.



b Complete the description of the man.

My husband is in his <sup>1</sup>thirties. He's medium <sup>2</sup>h\_\_\_\_\_ and he's a bit <sup>3</sup>o\_\_\_\_\_. He's got brown eyes and <sup>4</sup>s\_\_\_\_\_, <sup>5</sup>d\_\_\_\_\_ hair - it's quite <sup>6</sup>w\_\_\_\_\_. I think he's quite <sup>7</sup>g\_\_\_\_\_.

4 Describe a good friend or someone in your family. Include information about these things.

- age
- eyes
- general appearance
- height
- hair

Use the modifiers in 2 and the descriptions in 3 to help you.

I want to describe my \_\_\_\_\_.  
He's / She's \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Now ... practise and learn.

5 Rewrite the sentences. Use the more polite expressions in the box.

very tall a bit overweight  
in their eighties very good-looking  
very slim

- 1 She's short.  
She isn't very tall.
- 2 He's thin.  
He's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 She's fat.  
She's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 He's ugly.  
He isn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 They're very old.  
They're \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Complete the sentences. Use the words in the box.

quiet generous lazy hard-working  
shy noisy selfish confident

- 1 Neil never gives anything to other people. He's very selfish.
- 2 Tim's a nice guy, but he doesn't say a lot. He's a bit \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Rosa doesn't like going to parties. She's quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 They never do any work. They just watch TV. They're \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- 5 Millie? You can hear her voice all over the office. She's very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Archie loves meeting people. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ man.
- 7 Jan's always at her computer. She's very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 My parents give a lot of money to charity. They're very \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Read the interview. How does Stephen describe himself? Choose two words from the box in exercise 1.

Rula Do you like going to parties?

Stephen Yes, I do. I love going to parties and having a good time.

Rula Do you like meeting new people?

Stephen Yes, I do. I think I'm a confident person.

Rula Do you like being alone?

Stephen No, I don't, so I prefer working with other people.

Rula What things do you like about your job?

Stephen I like talking on the phone and I don't mind going to meetings.

Rula Do you like working at your desk?

Stephen No, I can't stand it. I hate writing reports and letters. I think I'm a bit lazy.



3 Complete the text about Stephen. Use the information in the interview.

Stephen loves <sup>1</sup>going to parties \_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. He likes <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and he thinks he's a confident person. He doesn't like <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, so he prefers <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. In his job he likes <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and he doesn't mind <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, but he can't stand <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and he hates <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. He thinks he's a bit lazy.

4a Write questions about likes and dislikes. Use the cues.

b Give your own answers to the questions. Use these expressions.

Yes, I do. (I love it.)  
No, I don't. (I hate / can't stand it.)  
I don't mind it.

- 1 A Do you like using a computer? (use a computer)  
You Yes, I love it. OR  
No, I don't. I can't stand it. OR  
I don't mind it.

- 2 A \_\_\_\_\_ (talk on the phone)

You \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 A \_\_\_\_\_ (go to the dentist's)

You \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 A \_\_\_\_\_ (do the housework)

You \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 A \_\_\_\_\_ (meet new people)

You \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 A \_\_\_\_\_ (travel)

You \_\_\_\_\_

5 Write about you.

I think I'm a \_\_\_\_\_ person. I'm \_\_\_\_\_, too, but I can also be a bit \_\_\_\_\_. I like \_\_\_\_\_, but I don't like \_\_\_\_\_. I love \_\_\_\_\_, but I hate \_\_\_\_\_. I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_, but I prefer \_\_\_\_\_. I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_.

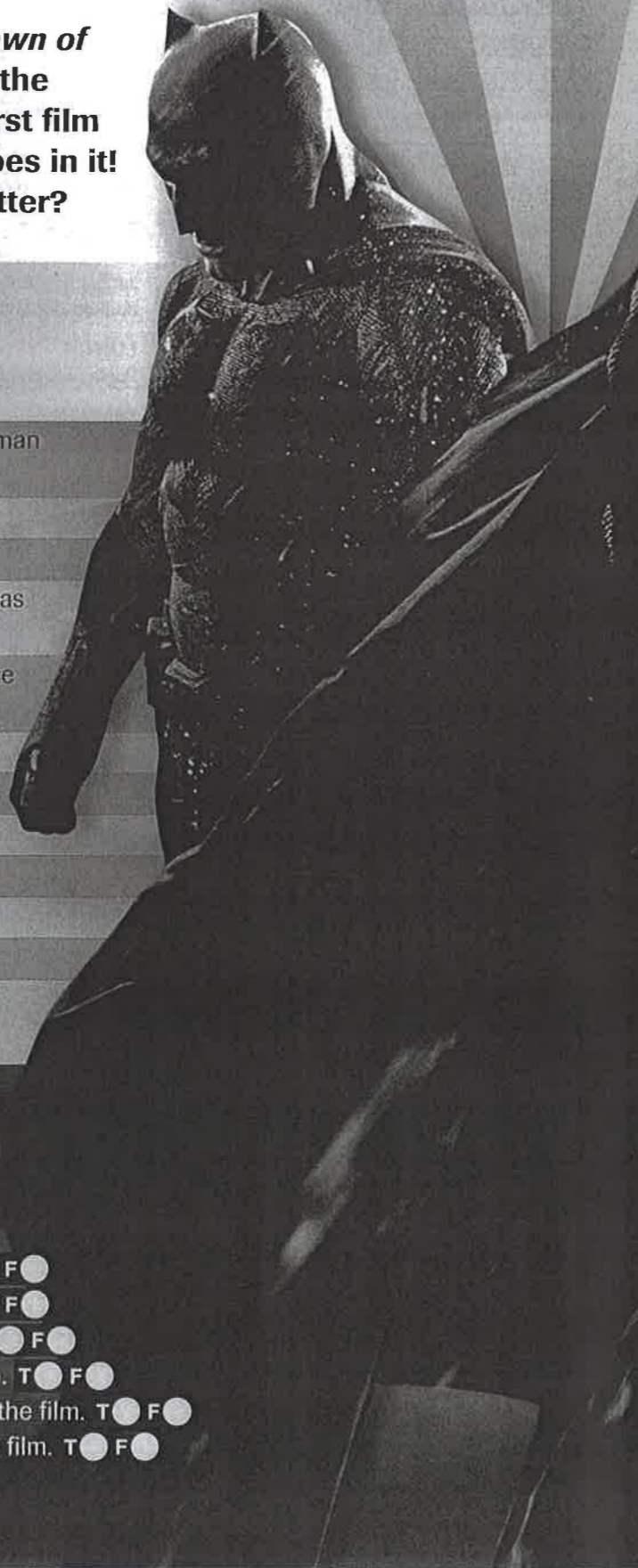
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# Batman v. Superman

**BEFORE YOU READ:**  
How many Batman and Superman films have you watched?

**Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice** is in cinemas on the 25th of March. It's the first film with both\* the superheroes in it! **CROWN** asks: who is better?



## Batman



**Species\*:** He's a human.

**Secret identity:** He's Bruce Wayne, an American businessman and billionaire.

**Hometown:** He lives in Gotham City (it's not a real city).

**Secret HQ:** It's the Batcave under his house.

**Transport:** He has a car called the Batmobile, but he also has a Batplane, Batboat and a Bateycle.

**Superpowers:** He doesn't have any. He uses his intelligence and he has many gadgets\*.

**Strength\*:** He has human strength.

**Intelligence:** He's a genius\*!

**Weakness:** He doesn't have any.

**Best friend:** It's Robin.

**Girlfriend:** He likes Catwoman!

**Enemy:** It's the Joker, a criminal\* with a clown's face.

**Actor in new film:** It's Ben Affleck. He's 43 years old and 192cm tall.

## Superman



**Species:** He's an alien from the planet Krypton.

**Secret identity:** He's Clark Kent, a newspaper reporter\*.

**Hometown:** He lives in Metropolis, one of the biggest and richest cities in the world (it's also not real).

**Secret HQ:** It's a castle called The Fortress of Solitude.

**Transport:** He doesn't need any because he can fly – faster than the speed of light!

**Superpowers:** He has super-strength, super-speed, super-vision\*, super-hearing, ice-breath\* and more!

**Strength:** He can push the earth away from the sun!

**Intelligence:** He's clever.

**Weakness:** It's kryptonite, a green rock from his planet. When he is near it, he loses his superpowers.

**Best friend:** It's Jimmy Olsen, who works at the newspaper office with him.

**Girlfriend:** It's Lois Lane, a woman who works at the newspaper office.

**Enemy:** It's Lex Luthor, an American businessman and billionaire, who wants to kill Superman.

**Actor in new film:** It's Henry Cavill. He's 32 years old and 185cm tall.

### Comparatives

Write the comparative form of the adjective.

Then tick (✓) true (T) or false (F):

- 1 Superman is  (rich) than Batman. T  F
- 2 Superman is  (fast) than Batman. T  F
- 3 Batman is  (strong) than Superman. T  F
- 4 Batman is  (intelligent) than Superman. T  F
- 5 Superman is  (young) than Batman in the film. T  F
- 6 Batman is  (tall) than Superman in the film. T  F

### \* WORDWISE

English	French	Italian	German	Dutch	Spanish
both	tous les deux	entrambi	beide	beide	ambos-as
species	espèce	specie	Spezies	soort	la especie
gadget	gadget	aggeggio	Gerät	leuk hebbeding	el artificio
strength	force	forza	Stärke	kracht	la fuerza
genius	génie	genio	Genie	geniaal persoon	el/la genio
criminal	criminel	criminale	Verbrecher	misdadiger	el/la criminal
newspaper reporter	journaliste	reporter	Zeitungsreporter	journalist	el/la reportero-a
vision	vue	vista	Sehkraft	zicht	la visión
breath	souffle	alito	Atem	adem	el aliento

### LISTEN

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