

thin

The words below can all be used to describe someone who is **thin**. As well as painting a more detailed picture, they can also tell your reader how you feel about someone.

A person who is thin or dainty in a healthy or attractive way can be described as

lean
slim
slender
slight

These words can describe someone who is tall and thin:

lanky
spindly

These words describe someone who is probably a bit too thin. They are not very polite ways of describing someone:

skinny
bony
gaunt
skeletal
scraggy
scrawny

Someone who is unhealthily or dangerously thin could be described as

emaciated
underweight
undernourished

Over to you

Choose a word carefully to replace **thin** in the following sentences.

- 1 The dancers warmed up for the big show. They had been practising for months and were **thin** and supple.
- 2 My brother is tall and **thin**. He's much taller than me.
- 3 Alison has been on a diet for ages. I think she should stop soon as she's looking too **thin**.
- 4 She discovered the brown and white mongrel wandering the streets. Although he was filthy and **thin**, he licked her hand and wagged his tail.