

Here are some of the many expressions used when referring to the **appearance** of someone or something. Note that some of these expressions are rude or offensive, and it would be very bad manners to use them to refer to someone directly.

unattractive

like something the cat brought in
like nothing on earth
a plain Jane
no oil painting
ugly as sin
an ugly duckling

have a face like the back of
a bus
not much to look at
not a pretty sight
nothing to write home about

attractive

the belle of the ball
pretty as a picture

a sight for sore eyes

well-dressed or smart

cut a dash
not have a hair out of place
be dressed up to the nines
be spruced up

look like a million dollars
be spick and span
look your best
be dolled up

displaying emotion

go beetroot
grin from ear to ear
have a long face
go as white as a sheet

grin like a Cheshire cat
have a poker face
look as if you have seen a
ghost