

## BUILD

he's a **giant**(of a man)

she's an **Amazon**

**extremely tall**

**tallish**

**above average height**

### **medium build**

he's / she's got a **good figure**

he's /she's **well-built**

**stocky**

**plump**

**corpulent**

**built like a barrel\***

he's **as square / big round as he's tall**

**obese\***

**overweight**

**squat**

**muscular**

**petite**

**thin**

**skinny\***

**like a pipe cleaner\***

**there's nothing of her**

**like a lamp-post\***

**puny-looking\***

**slight and slender**

**slim**

### **below average height**

**on the short side**

**short**

**tiny**

**a midget**

**knee-high to a grasshopper / an ant**

1 Which of the above adjectives and phrases would suit a student in your class or a member of your family?

2 Do you think your build sometimes determines your character? If so, how?

3 What sort of build should gymnasts, footballers and weight-lifters have?

4 Which word in each pair of words would you prefer people to use about you? Why?

1 skinny / slim

2 well-built /corpulent

3 overweight / obese

4 **all skin and bones / there's more fat on a chip**

5 plump / stocky

6 short / below average height

7 a midget /knee high to an ant