# phys·ique [physique physiques] BrE [fɪ'zi□k \* NAmE [fɪ'zi□k \* noun

countable, uncountable

## the size and shape of a person's body

## Syn: †build

- He has the physique of a rugby player.
- a powerful physique
- She doesn't have the physique to be a dancer.

#### Word Origin:

early 19th cent .: from French, literally physical (used as a noun).

#### Example Bank:

She doesn't have the physique to be a dancer.

## physique

## phy sique /fə'zi k,fɪ'zi k BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: physique 'physical']

the size and appearance of someone's body:

- She didn't have the physique to be a dancer.
- <sup>#</sup> He had good health and a strong physique.

## THESAURUS

• body the shape, size, and appearance of someone's body: Many women are not happy with their bodies. | His clothes emphasized his strong body.

• figure a woman's figure is the shape of her body – used especially when it is attractive: She has a really nice figure. | Freya had an enviably slim figure.

• build the size and shape of someone's body – used in the following phrases: Police described the man as tall and of medium build. | He was of heavy build. | She has a very slight build.

• physique the size and appearance of someone's body – used especially about men who look attractive: He was over 1.8 m tall with a muscular physique. | Ben has a very athletic physique.

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