

SMART JUNIORS 1

Does Appearance Matter

Lesson 27
Read for Detail



- Listen and review the essay.

Does Appearance Matter?

- ▶ In today's world, people often wonder if how we look is important. Some say it is, while others say it isn't. Let's look at both sides.
- ▶ On one hand, some people believe that how we look does matter. Firstly, they think our appearance can affect people's first impressions of us. When we look tidy and nice, others may think we are responsible and confident. Secondly, feeling good about how we look can make us feel more confident. When we wear clothes we like and take care of ourselves, we feel happier and more confident to be around many people. Thirdly, some studies show that people sometimes judge our personalities based on our appearance. For example, if someone has a shining smile, others might think they are friendly.



▶ On the other hand, some people believe that appearance is not the most important thing. Firstly, they think that beauty is different for everyone. What one person finds pretty might not be the same for someone else. It's like having different favorite colors or foods.

Secondly, they say that we should focus more on our talents and skills. Imagine meeting someone who is good at drawing or playing sports; we admire them because of what they can do, not just how they look. Lastly, they say that our inner qualities are what truly matter to have a great personality. Being kind, honest, and smart is more important than how we look.



LISTEN AND REVIEW

- ▶ In my opinion, while appearance does matter, I believe it's not the only thing that counts. We shouldn't judge people just based on how they look because everyone is different and unique. Instead, we should pay more attention to a person's inner qualities, like their skills and how they treat others.
- ▶ In conclusion, appearance can have some influence on first impressions and confidence, but it should not be the only thing that matters. Our talents, skills, and inner qualities are even more important factors that define who we truly are, as a complete and whole person.



Does Appearance Matter | Paragraph 1

In today's world, people often wonder if how we look is important.

Some say it is, while others say it isn't. Let's look at both sides.

- What are the two sides of the debate mentioned in the paragraph?

1. _____

2. _____

Words & Expressions

Some say it is, **while** others say it isn't.



Does Appearance Matter | Paragraph 2

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- Give 3 reasons why appearance matters for some people.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Words & Expressions

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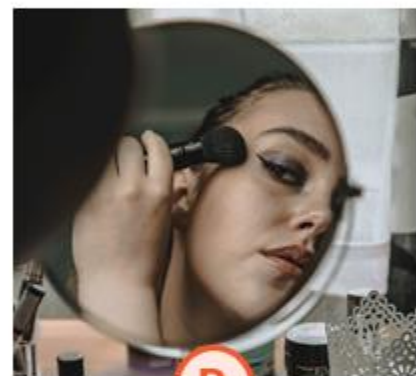
Does Appearance Matter | Paragraph 3

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- Which picture best suits the paragraph?



A



B

Words & Expressions

On the other hand, some people believe that appearance is not the most important thing.



Does Appearance Matter | Paragraph 4

In my opinion, while appearance does matter, I believe it's not the only thing that counts. We shouldn't judge people just based on how they look because everyone is different and unique. Instead, we should pay more attention to a person's inner qualities, like their skills and how they treat others.

■ Tick the box if it agrees with what the author says.

- 1. The way people look still has an influence.
- 2. It's not bad to judge people's looks because we are all beautiful and unique.
- 3. We don't need to be beautiful to have skills and talents.

Words & Expressions

While appearance does matter, **I believe** it's not the only thing that counts.



Does Appearance Matter | Paragraph 5

In conclusion, appearance can have some influence on first impressions and confidence, but it should not be the only thing that matters. Our talents, skills, and inner qualities are even more important factors that define who we truly are, as a complete and whole person.

- What things define us as a complete and whole person?

Words & Expressions

Our talents, skills, and inner qualities are even more important factors that **define** who we truly are.



READ BETWEEN THE LINES

Does Appearance Matter | Paragraph 2

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Working Out Meaning

- Read the highlighted sentences and choose the words that share the same meaning as the following:

1 influence

2 think of

3 according to

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Making Connections

- Underline the phrase that supports the popular quotation below.

**“Beauty is in the eye
of the beholder.”**

- Plato (Greek Philosopher)

- **Discuss with your teacher.**

Inner Appearance vs. Outer Appearance

1. In your opinion, which is more important:
outer appearance or inner appearance? Why?
2. Does outer appearance always match with inner appearance?
Please explain.





- **Complete the summary of the essay.**

The essay discusses whether or not appearance matters in today's society. Some people think how we look matters because it affects first **(expressions / impressions)** and confidence. For example, when we first meet people, they **(judge / impress)** us based on how we look and what we wear. On the other hand, others believe **(inner / outer)** qualities matter more than appearance. For example, kindness, honesty, and **(weight / intelligence)** are important. The writer believes appearance matters a bit, but being kind and skilled is better. In the end, appearances can **(influence / matter)** first thoughts, but it's our inner qualities that truly **(define / unique)** us.





WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn a critical thinking skill: "Creating a Convincing Argument."
See you next time!