

B1 Dialog #3 Talking about appearances.

Hi there.

Today we are going to talk about appearances. To make the lesson more **powerful** (эффективный, полезный), we recommend you downloading the PDF, which you can find below this Video. So listen to the dialog and read along. So you can understand better what we are saying and will remember new vocabulary faster.

Hope this Video will help to improve your vocabulary and to describe appearances better.

(1) What **springs to mind** (приходит на ум) when you hear the word 'appearances'?

Different people spring to my mind and I start thinking about what they look like.

By the way **what's the difference** (какая разница) between "What does he look like?" and "How does he look?" for example?

*What does someone look like (про внешний вид) ---> a young man with black hair.
How does someone look like (про эмоциональное состояние) ---> he looks tired, sick, happy, funny.*

You can use the following adjectives to describe appearance:

tall высокий - short низкий, короткий

handsome (красивый)/attractive (привлекательная) - ugly (страшный, уродливый)

tidy (опрятный) - untidy (неопрятный)

thin (худой) - thick, fat (полный, жирный)

strong (good built) (сильный (хорошо сложенный) - weak (слабый)

big (большой) - little (маленький)

(2) What things do you first notice (замечать) about someone's appearance? *It's definitely (определенно) clothes and some bright features (яркие особенности). For example, how bright makeup (макияж) is if it's a girl. If it is a man, how tall he is or something else (что-либо еще)*

(3) How do you think you look today?

I think that I look gorgeous (великолепно) today!

(4) When is your appearance most important?

It depends on an occasion. I think that people should try to look good anytime, but of course it's not always possible.

(5) What do you think when you look at yourself in the mirror?

It's important to like yourself I think. So I always try to stay positive looking in the mirror, even (даже) when I look sick or tired.

(6) Do you think the expression 'Appearances are deceptive (внешности обманчивы)' is true? Why?

Yes I do. Appearance can be very deceptive indeed. A man can look kind and honest, but be a bad man and liar. Never believe appearance. It can be deceptive.

(7) Do you ever say someone looks good but really they don't?

I always try to tell the truth, but sometimes it's not easy at all (совсем не просто). So yes, I do.

(8) Has your mother ever complained (жаловалась) about your appearance?

No she has not. She always told me that I was a handsome boy.

(9) How are people's appearances today different from 100 years ago?

Today's people are not very different than 100 years ago. But if we take 7 billions years ago for example people were absolutely different of course.

(1) What could you do to improve your appearance?

I think that you need to be more attentive to yourself (более внимателен к самому себе). For example, you can read some articles about style or just ask your friends to help you in improving your style .

(2) What could I do to improve my appearance?

I don't think you need to improve anything.

(3) Has your appearance ever made you feel bad all day?

Yes, it has. Especially when I have a meeting and wearing a dirty T-short for example. It makes me feel bad all day

(4) Is it rude (это грубо?) to tell someone that they need to improve their appearance?

It depends on who you are talking to. If you say it to your friend, it's OK of course.

(5) How often do you check your appearance in the mirror?

Every morning when leaving home (уходя из дома).

(6) How often do you talk about other people's appearances?

Not often. That's a not so appropriate subject people usually talk about.

Maybe only with friends.

(7) Are people obsessed (одержимы) with appearance today?

I think yes. Modern trends make us follow it and sometimes people go too far with it (заходить слишком далеко).

I don't think we need to pay too much attention to our appearance. There are many other things, which are much more important.

(8) Is what's on the inside more important than what's on the outside?

That's what I'm saying (об этом я и говорю). People can look absolutely perfect, but have nothing inside. I don't like such people. Especially when they are too arrogant (высокомерный).

(9) Is appearance more important in politics or show business?

In politics of course. All politicians have to always look intelligent and tidy.

Рост (Tall)	
высокий	tall, high
низкий	short
Вес (Weight)	
худой	thin
толстый	thick, fat
Фигура (Form)	
Он накаченный	He is good built
Он слабый	He is weak
Он худощавый	He is slight of figure

Он крепкий	He is tough
Она миниатюрная	She is shortie
У нее спортивная фигура	She has a sportive shape
У нее хорошая фигура	She has a good shape
В общем о внешнем виде	
привлекательный (только о парне)	handsome
привлекательная (только о девушке)	attractive
красивый	nice, good-looking
страшный, уродливый	ugly
опрятный	tidy, neat
неряшливый	untidy

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маленький	little