

Unit 12: Psychology, Lesson C

Before you watch

A Have you ever judged someone by his or her appearance? Why did you judge the person? What about his or her appearance struck you and why? Write a few sentences.

B Have you ever been judged by your appearance? What happened? Write a few sentences.

While you watch

A Circle the correct answers.

- Sydney and Nate are talking about . . .
 - what Sydney wore to work today.
 - what Nate wore to work today.
 - how appearance matters in society.
- Nate . . .
 - thinks that there might be good reasons for judging people on their looks.
 - thinks that it is just wrong to judge people on their looks.
 - doesn't really care about judging people on their looks.
- Sydney thinks that . . .
 - unattractive people should try harder.
 - it is sometimes okay to judge people on their appearance.
 - there is something wrong with employers only hiring people who are attractive.



Sydney and Nate

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B Watch the video. Check (✓) true or false.

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| 1. Sydney was in a class that talked about appearance in society. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. Sydney heard that attractive people do better in job interviews. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. Sydney heard that good-looking people are less likely to get hired or promoted. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. Nate suggests that employers might think that people who make an effort to look good probably make an effort at work. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. Sydney says that skills and education aren't as important as how you look. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 6. Nate doesn't believe we should bother with how we look. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 7. In general, Sydney doesn't think that it's right to judge people on their appearance. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 8. Nate agrees that employers should always hire people based on their looks. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

After you watch

A Read the sentences. Write responses that consider different sides of the argument.

Example: I think that appearance shouldn't have anything to do with being hired for a job. It should be all about experience and skills.

Well, I think people should look good when they apply for a job. It's respectful and shows that you care about effort. At the same time, sometimes the person who has the best skills doesn't look the way you expect.

1. I can't believe that some companies use appearance as one of the reasons to promote people.

2. I think it's hard not to judge people based on their appearance. I mean, we're all more comfortable with appearances that we know and understand.

3. Appearances can be deceiving. Just because someone is attractive or well dressed doesn't make him a nice person.
