

B2.14 Appearance

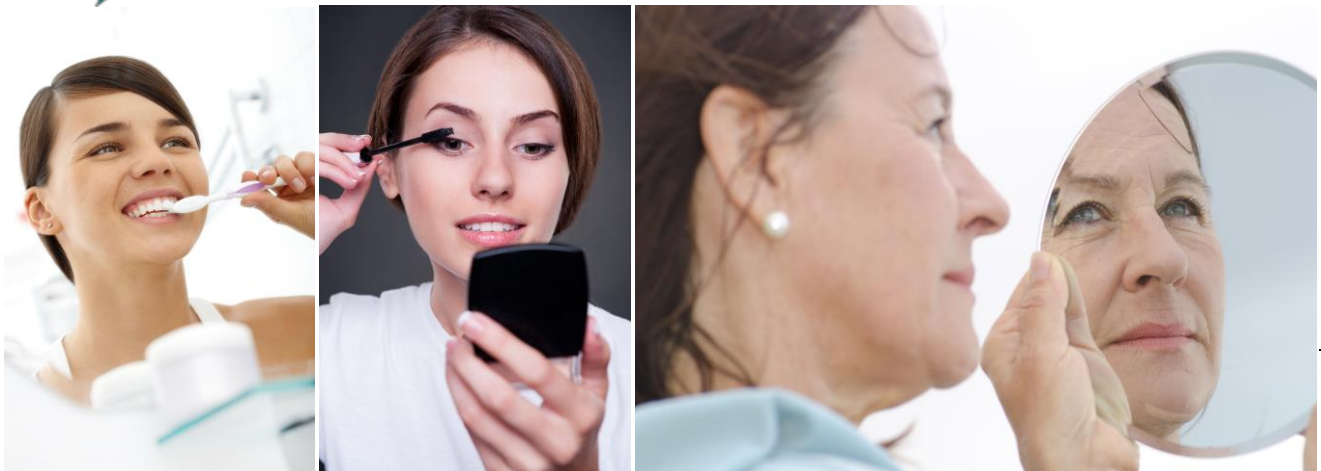
You can learn:

- How to discuss issues around personal appearance.
- How to discuss gender differences in relation to appearance.

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Discuss the questions in the box, which are all related to the topic of women and appearance, with your partner.



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- Which country has the most beautiful women?
- Is there too much pressure put on women to look attractive? Should they be judged in different ways?
- Is it possible to wear too much make-up?
- Are some women (you? your girlfriend?) too vain?
- Is it more difficult for women to cope with the appearance of ageing (wrinkles etc.)? Why?
- Are Barbie dolls a good, or a bad thing? Why?
- Who is the most beautiful woman in your country?

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Now discuss the questions in the box, which are all related to the topic of men and appearance, with your partner.



- Who is the most attractive man in your country?
- Which country has the most handsome men?
- Is there as much pressure on men to be attractive?
- What issues do men worry about concerning their appearance? Weight gain, hair loss, muscles?
- Do you think it is worse for men to be vain?
- What do you think of men wearing make-up and jewellery? Has it ever been fashionable?

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What do you understand from the quotations in the box. Do you agree or disagree with them?

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." "Beauty is only skin deep."

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Now discuss the questions in the box below, which also all relate to the topic of appearance.

- Who is the most attractive person in your family?
- Is physical attractiveness related to success in life? Have you seen any examples in your life?
- Which is more important: being physically attractive, or being intelligent? Is it different for the two sexes? Should it be?
- How much time do you spend each day on your appearance? Do you worry about ageing?
- Would you ever consider having plastic surgery?
- What do you think of tattoos and piercings?
- Would you (do you) have your tongue or nose pierced? Why/why not?
- Are there any drawbacks to being attractive?
- Would you consider going out with somebody who was not conventionally attractive?
- Do you judge others by their appearance? Do you try not to do so?
- What do you think of beauty competitions: the 'Miss World' and 'Mr Universe' competitions?

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5  **Demonstrate the actions in the box and explain (give examples) of why you might use them.**

1. raise your eyebrows
2. suck in your cheeks
3. furrow your brow
4. fold your arms
5. smack your lips
6. puff out your cheeks
7. shrug your shoulders
8. flutter your eyelashes
9. twiddle your thumbs
10. blow your nose
11. crack your knuckles
12. wink or blink

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4  **Now write a paragraph of a short story that continues from this line.**

"There in front of me was the most peculiar looking man I had ever seen..."

