

SMART JUNIORS 1

Does Appearance Matter?

Lesson 26
Main Idea



Academic Vocabulary

Read the definitions and fill in the blank with the correct word.

impression



n. an idea or opinion of what something or someone is like

responsible



adj. a responsible person is someone who keeps their promises and you can trust on

judge



v. to form an opinion, or to decide about something or someone



Have a try!

1. He is a _____ person.
2. Her kind words left a lasting _____ on me.
3. We should never _____ someone based on appearance alone.

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unique



adj. being the only one/ the only existing one of its type

influence



n./v. the ability to have an effect on people or things

define



v. to explain and describe the meaning of something



Have a try!

1. Each snowflake is _____, just like a fingerprint.
2. I need you to _____ your goals before we can create a plan.
3. The way you do things can _____ those around you.

PREPARE TO READ

Think Before Reading

What do they look like?



Is appearance
important to you?
Why or why not?



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.

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.

Predict From the Title

Look at **the title** of the essay and answer.

1. What is the essay's title?
2. What is the main job of this title before you begin reading?

- A** It uses a question to get readers to think about the problem before reading.
- B** It tells you that appearance isn't as important as you think.

- Listen and read the essay. Think about **the main idea of the essay**.

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The Main Idea

■ What do you think is the main idea of the essay?

- A** appearance should be the most important aspect of a person
- B** appearance matters but personal qualities should be emphasized
- C** inner qualities don't matter

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Main Idea for Paragraphs

- Skim paragraph 2 and underline the sentence that tells the main idea of the paragraph.

SKILL

Skim the paragraph and find the topic sentence.



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Main Idea for Paragraphs

- Skim paragraph 3 and choose the main idea of the paragraph.
 - A Inner qualities are more important than how someone looks.
 - B Appearance shapes a person's personality more than inner traits.

SKILL

Pay attention to sentences that introduce a **change in opinion or viewpoint**.



Does Appearance Matter | Paragraph 4

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Main Idea for Paragraphs

- Skim paragraph 4 and underline the sentence that tells the author's opinion.

SKILL

Look for sentences that show the **author's opinion**. They are likely to contain the main idea.



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.

Main Idea for Paragraphs

- Choose the main idea of the paragraph.
 - A Appearance can influence but it's not the only thing that matters.
 - B We should only focus on one aspect either inner qualities or appearance.

SKILL

The phrase **“in conclusion”** usually indicates a summarized main idea.





Academic Vocabulary



impression



responsible



judge



unique



influence



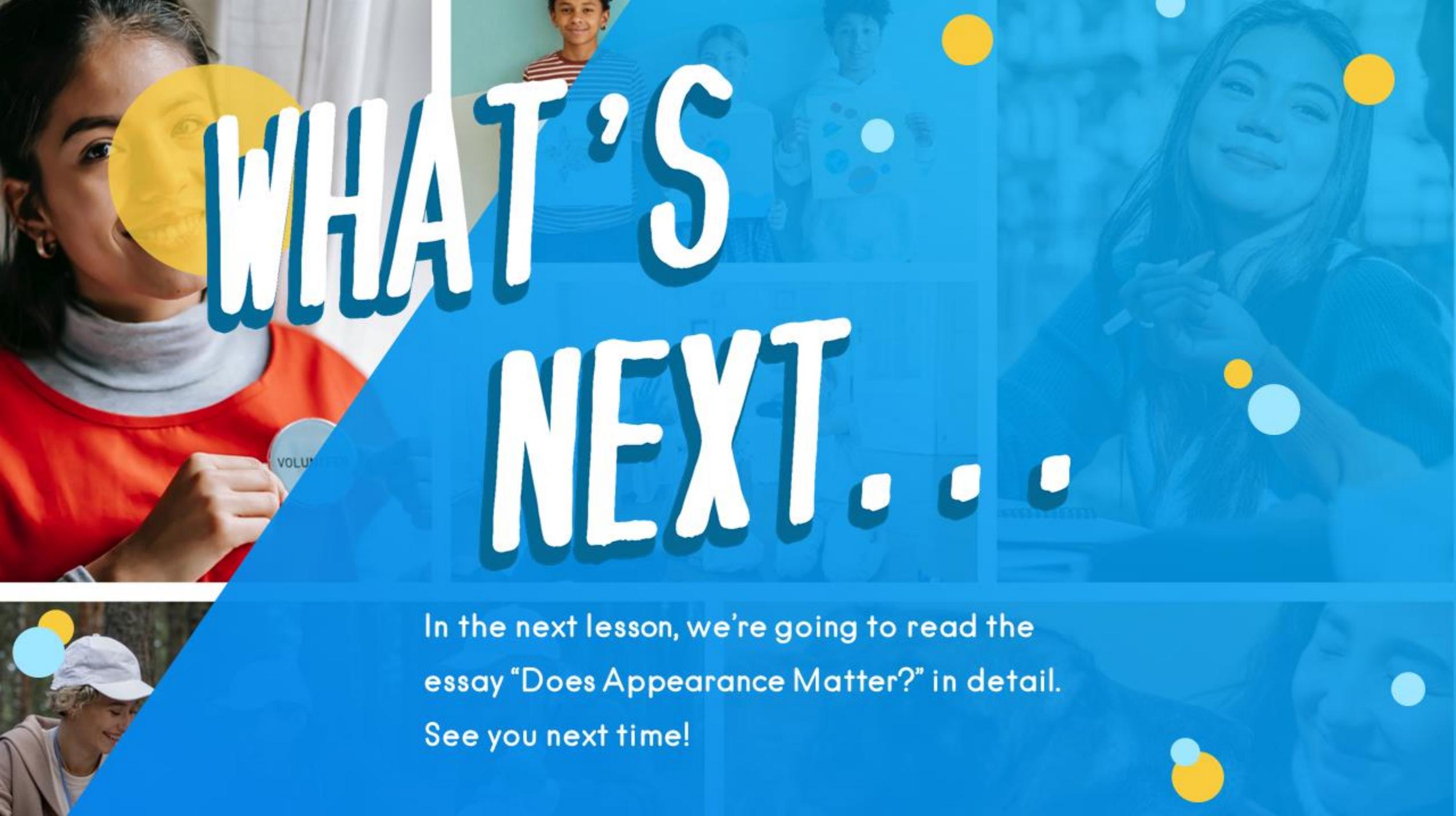
define

Read for Main Idea

SKILLS

1. **Skim** the paragraph and find the topic sentence.
2. Pay attention to sentences that introduce a **change in opinion or viewpoint**.
3. Look for sentences that show the **author's opinion**. They are likely to contain the main idea.
4. The phrase **“in conclusion”** usually indicates a summarized main idea.





WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to read the essay "Does Appearance Matter?" in detail.
See you next time!