

Comprehension Questions:

RESPECT WORKS!

DOS AND DON'TS FOR WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

Episode One – Respect Appearance

Starring

Dave (cafe worker)

Francesco (work experience student)

Michael (I Viaggi di Tels life-coach)

As a class, watch the video 'Respect Appearance' with Dave, Francesco and Michael.

1) What are two reasons why Dave is not happy with Francesco when he arrives?
2) According to Michael, why is Francesco's attire inappropriate?
3) Why was Francesco's greeting to Dave inappropriate?
4) How should Francesco have greeted Dave?
5) What should Francesco have done after coming late, according to Michael?

YOU ARE JUDGED BY YOUR APPEARANCE

Like it or not, you are being judged by how you look, how you dress, and how you carry yourself. First impressions are formed in an instant and appearance can heavily influence someone's initial opinion of your personality, competence and capability.

When you dress and ¹carry yourself in a positive manner. This is especially important the first time you meet a new colleague. Workers who appear composed and professional will be perceived as more knowledgeable and responsible than those who seem ²disheveled. Impress others with the following tips:

Dress to ³boost your confidence

Everyone knows that when you look good, you feel better: You're more confident and others 4treat you with more respect. Your physical presentation should be 5on par with the quality of your work. Looking your best isn't about vanity. Keeping high standards for your appearance will help you feel happier and more successful.

Send the right message

There's casual, and then there's very casual. Though it may be quick and easy to ⁶throw on the first thing you see, your appearance ⁷speaks volumes about you.

If you look like you just ⁸rolled out of bed, most people will assume you just did. Regardless of the type of work you're in, ⁹strive to look your best and ¹⁰live up to the expectations of your colleagues.

Can you give simple definitions for terms 1-10 in the text above?

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CLASS DISCUSSION

The author of the article writes: "Regardless of the type of work you're in, strive to look your best". Discuss this statement as a class. Do you agree with it? Are there any types of work where appearance simply does not matter at all, and why? In which kinds of jobs is appearance particularly important, and why?

ROLE PLAY

In small groups, use vocabulary from the article above to re-create the situation in the video with Dave Francesco and Michael. Each group can choose a different setting, it does not have to be in a cafe! Write the script below, then act them out for the rest of the class.