

Make a Good Impression

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you think it means to “make a good impression”?

Definitions:

- Impression – a belief or idea about what someone or something is like
- Appearance – the way a person or thing looks
- Pride – a sense of personal value or worth



Reading

15 Think about what it is like when you meet someone new. After a short time,
31 you can determine if this person is someone you would like to know better. You can
48 quickly sense if he is someone that would fit in with you and your friends. If he
60 doesn't fit in, you probably will not spend more time with him.

71 Managers have these abilities too. Managers see many job applicants. Their
87 first impressions are formed by what they see and sense in you. If they don't like
102 what they see, they probably will not hire you, no matter what your skills are.

117 Your appearance is one of the basic things that form an impression. It makes a
132 statement. If you look neat and clean, the impression is that you take pride in
147 yourself and your work. If you look dirty and unkempt, the impression is that you
152 may be a sloppy worker.

166 What should you wear? Dress in the clothes you would wear on the job.
178 Business people should wear suits. Workers should wear work clothes. Make sure
191 your clothes are clean and pressed. Your shoes should be clean and shined.

206 When interviewing for a job, you want to look good and smell good. Do not
225 put on strong perfumes or colognes. **Avoid** alcohol, cigarette, and onion or garlic
229 breath. Your body and breath should be clean and fresh!

Understanding

1. How can you create a good impression? _____

2. Why is it important to make a good first impression? _____

3. What does the word **avoid** mean in this reading? _____

4. What things could stop you from making a good impression? _____

5. Besides at a job interview, where else might it be important to make a good first impression? _____

Writing

Choice A: In your own words, write about what it means to make a good impression.

Choice B: Do you agree that it is important to make a good first impression? Why or why not?
