

ap·pear·ance W2

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noun

- 1 **the way somebody/something looks** [uncountable and countable] APPEARANCE
the way someone or something looks to other people:
He was always criticising his wife's appearance.

appearance of

They've changed the appearance of the whole building.

*We are often attracted to somebody first by their **physical appearance**.*

*Women, in general, tend to be more concerned than men about their **personal appearance**.*

*She had an **outward appearance** of calm, but deep down she was really worried.*

*The metal posts **spoiled the appearance** of the garden.*

*A garnish helps to **enhance the appearance of** any dish.*

*She's the kind of woman who **takes pride in her appearance**.*

*You shouldn't **judge by appearances**.*

*They work hard at school without **giving the appearance of** being particularly hard-working.*

*The case **had all the appearances of** a straightforward murder.*

*The pupils looked angelic – but **appearances can be deceptive**.*

*He was, **to all appearances**, a respectable, successful businessman.*

- 2 **somebody takes part in a public event** [countable] PERFORM when a famous person takes part in a film, concert, or other public event:

*It was his first **public appearance** since the election.*

*He **made** his last **appearance** for the club in the Cup Final.*

appearance money/fee (= money paid to a famous person to attend an event)

- 3 | something new starts to exist** EXIST[singular] when something new begins to exist or starts being used:

appearance of

The industry has changed greatly with the appearance of new technologies.

the appearance of buds on the trees

- 4 | arrival** [countable usually singular] APPEAR the unexpected or sudden arrival of someone or something:

appearance of

Eileen was deep in concentration, and the sudden appearance of her daughter startled her.

- 5 keep up appearances** PRETEND

to dress and behave in the way in which people expect you to, especially to hide your true situation:

She just wanted to keep up appearances for the kids.

- 6 for appearances' sake/for the sake of appearances** PRETEND

if you do something for appearances' sake, you are trying to behave how people expect you to, especially to hide your true situation or feelings

- 7 put in an appearance/make an appearance** GO TO/ATTEND

to go to an event for a short time, because you think you should rather than because you want to:

At least Marc managed to put in an appearance at the party.

- 8 | at a law court/meeting** [countable] TRIAL an occasion when someone goes to a court of law or official meeting to give information, answer questions etc:

He is due to make another court appearance on Monday.

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 1

adjectives

somebody's/ something's physical appearance *If you want to improve your physical appearance, eat well and exercise.*

somebody's personal appearance *Teenagers are very conscious of their personal appearance.*

somebody's/ something's odd/ strange appearance *Children sometimes stared at him because of his odd appearance.*

a distinctive/ striking appearance (= unusual and interesting) *The unusual leaves give the plant a distinctive appearance.*

an attractive/ handsome/ pleasing etc appearance *Large blue eyes set in a long thin face give him a striking and attractive appearance.*

somebody's youthful appearance *She was no longer a young woman, despite her youthful appearance.*

the outward appearance *Beneath the outward appearance of confidence, she is very shy.*

the general/ overall appearance *The second phase of the project is to improve the town's overall appearance.*

the visual appearance *Intensive farming changed the visual appearance of the countryside.*

verbs

have a... appearance *The young girl had a pleasing appearance.*

improve/ enhance the appearance of something/ somebody *Fresh air improves the appearance of the skin.*

change/ alter the appearance of something *The proposed dam will change the appearance of the surrounding countryside*

enormously.

give something/ somebody a ... appearance *His uniform gave him an official appearance.*

phrases

take pride in your appearance (= make an effort to look good) *She seems to take no pride at all in her personal appearance these days.*

judge by appearances (= make judgements based on the way somebody/ something looks) *You shouldn't judge by appearances.*

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 2

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + appearance

somebody's first/ second/ last etc appearance *This is the band's last appearance in the UK before a 46-date tour of Europe.*

a public appearance *In his first public appearance since his election, the President-elect ruled out talks with the United States.*

a radio/ TV appearance *John hated the endless TV appearances to promote each new album.*

a guest appearance (= an appearance by a famous person on a TV show or at a musical event, in addition to the people who usually take part) *He made several guest appearances on the show in the mid-60s.*

a cameo appearance (= a short appearance in a film or play by a well-known actor or person) *Alfred Hitchcock always made a cameo appearance in his own films.*

a personal appearance *The First Lady is asked to make a large number of personal appearances for worthy causes.*

a live appearance *Troy's first live appearance was at last year's Montreux Jazz Festival.*

a Wembley/ Hollywood Bowl etc appearance *He led the Broncos to three Super Bowl appearances in twelve years.*

a farewell appearance (= a last appearance) *His farewell*

appearance for the club was made in front of a packed crowd.

verbs

make an appearance *The President made a dramatic appearance on nationwide television to announce a fresh peace initiative.*

appearance + NOUN

appearance fee/ money (= the money someone is paid to appear somewhere) *He gave his appearance fee to charity.*

THESAURUS

appearance the way someone or something looks to other people: *She'd had plastic surgery to change her appearance.* | *The mushrooms are similar in appearance to poisonous ones, so you have to be careful.*

looks someone's appearance, especially when considering how good-looking they are. **Looks** is more informal than **appearance**: *Girls of that age are always worried about their looks.* | *People generally describe him as having boyish good looks.*

image the appearance and character that a person, organization, product etc deliberately tries to produce: *She wowed fans with her sleek new image.* | *The scandal has damaged her image as an honest politician.* | *The car has a racy new image.*

aspect (literary) the appearance of someone or something: *The costume gives his character an even more sinister aspect.*