

UNDERSTAND CONVERSATIONS AND STORIES ABOUT A NEW LOOK

INTRODUCTION

We are going to learn how to **understand and talk about conversations related to a new look**.

When people change their appearance, others usually notice and comment on it. These conversations are very common in daily life, work, and social situations.

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- Understand conversations about changes in appearance.
- Describe a “new look” using correct vocabulary.
- Describe changes using **present perfect and simple past** accurately.

VOCABULARY: APPEARANCE & NEW LOOK

a. Hair and grooming

Word	Meaning	Example
Haircut	Hair style cut	I got a new haircut yesterday.
Hairstyle	The way hair looks	Her hairstyle is trendy.
Beard	Facial hair	He grew a beard.
Shave	Remove hair	I shaved my beard.
Dye	Change hair color	She dyed her hair blonde.
Highlights	Lighter hair sections	She got highlights.
Bangs	Front hair	She cut her bangs.

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b. Clothes and fashion

Word	Example
Outfit	I like your outfit today.
Casual	I prefer casual clothes.
Formal	He wore a formal suit.
Trendy	That jacket is trendy.
Stylish	She looks stylish.
Old-fashioned	Those shoes look old-fashioned.
Oversized	Oversized clothes are popular.

c. Appearance (adjectives)

Confident
Fashionable
Elegant
Comfortable
Different
Modern
Professional

d. Expressions and reactions

Compliments

- You look great!
- That really suits you.
- I love your new style.
- You look so different—in a good way!

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💬 Opinions

- I think it looks amazing.
- I'm not sure about it.
- It's not really my style.
- I like your old look better.

💬 Explaining a change

- I wanted a change.
- I was tired of my old style.
- I wanted to look more professional.
- I wanted something fresh.



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GRAMMAR FOCUS

Present Perfect vs. Simple Past

We use the **Present Perfect** when a change is recent or has a connection to the present (without saying exactly when it happened).

Estructure:

have / has + past participle

Examples:

- *I've changed my hairstyle.*
- *She has dyed her hair.*
- I've dyed my hair blonde.
- I've grown my hair longer.
- I've shaved my beard.
- I've bought new outfits.
- I've stopped wearing jeans to class.
- I've tried a more casual look.

? Questions in Present Perfect

- Have you changed your hairstyle?
- Have you tried a new look recently?
- Have you ever dyed your hair?
- Have you decided to change your style?

✗ Negative forms

- I haven't changed my style yet.
- She hasn't dyed her hair.
- I haven't tried a new look before.
- They haven't noticed the change.

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Examples: We use the Simple Past when we mention a specific time in the past (yesterday, last..., two weeks ago, in 2023, etc.).

- I got a new haircut yesterday.
- She dyed her hair last summer.
- He shaved his beard two days ago.
- They changed their hairstyle last year.
- I changed my look for the party.

? Questions in Simple Past

- When did you cut your hair?
- Did you change your style last year?
- Why did she dye her hair?
- Did he like his new haircut?
- What did people say about your new look?

✗ Negative sentences

- I didn't like my haircut at first.
- She didn't change her style last year.
- He didn't dye his hair before the wedding.
- They didn't notice the change immediately.
- I didn't feel confident at the beginning.

Time expressions commonly used

- Yesterday.
- Last week / month / year.
- Two days / weeks / months ago.
- In 2021 / in January.
- When I was in college.

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Remember:

Simple Past = action finished + specific time

If you can answer *when?* Simple Past is the right choice.

Comparison

Present Perfect	Simple Past
I've changed my look.	I changed my look last month.
She has lost weight.	She lost weight during the summer.

Student tip

If you **don't** say *when*, use the Present Perfect.

If you say *yesterday / last week / in 2024*, use **Simple Past**.

CONVERSATION:

1. *"You look different!"*

Lara: Hi, Alex! Wow, you look different.

Alex: Really? I've just changed my hairstyle.

Lara: I love it! It makes you look more confident.

Alex: Thanks! I was nervous at first.

Lara: When did you do it?

Alex: I went to the salon on Saturday.

Lara: It was a great decision.

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2. *"A new look"*

Any: Hey, Mark! You look different today.

Mark: Yeah, I've changed my hairstyle.

Any: I like it! It really suits you.

Mark: Thanks! I wasn't sure at first.

Any: Did you do it yourself?

Mark: No, I went to a new barber last weekend.

Any: Well, it was a good choice.

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