



Quiz (5)

Read the text and then answer the following questions:

First impressions are important in our personal and professional lives, which is why we need to be aware of the signals we are sending out and, if necessary, change them. Most people understand that a smile and eye contact are generally perceived positively so they make use of these strategically. On the other hand, they may be completely oblivious to the fact that their crossed arms can make them look closed or even hostile. Occasionally, even the most amiable person can have something on their mind which can affect how they feel. Rather than letting this show, they can use a technique such as thinking of something amusing that will put a smile on their face as they enter the room to meet and greet the people there.

So, you've conquered your nerves and turned up at the dinner party. You stride into the room, smile at everyone and greet them with a firm handshake. But what now? After all, first impressions are not just about physical appearance. We also make judgements about people when we start to talk to them. Introverted people seem to be at a disadvantage, but all is not lost. There are tried and tested topics, such as the weather, for example, or you can use visual or oral clues to stimulate the conversation: an interesting accent – 'Where are you from?' A band T-shirt – 'Oh are you a fan?' If you are lucky, the person you ask will be a chatty extrovert happy to be in the company of someone who doesn't interrupt their well-practised anecdotes.

Whenever the topic of first impressions is raised, job interviews are sure to be mentioned. Many of them start off with a few introductory questions aimed at settling the interviewee's nerves, as if this was a friendly encounter rather than a serious assessment of suitability. In an interesting study, objective outsiders were split into two groups to watch a video of the interview. One group watched the entire thing, the other missed out the initial, informal chat. The first group's judgement of the candidate's performance was, to a large extent, dependent on the impression they made at the start. So, it turns out that a talented candidate may be rejected for a position simply because they find social chit-chat difficult.

1. Two signals were mentioned as being perceived positively. Write them down.
2. Quote the sentence which shows that extrovert happy to join someone who is an introvert.
3. According to the last paragraph, what was the final decision with group one?
4. The text states two clues can be used to start a conversation. Write them down.
5. What does the underlined pronoun refer to?
6. First impressions have a crucial role in our judgments. Think of this statement, and in two sentences, write down your point of view.

Best Of Luck -7. Ala'a Al Sharif 😊