

1.15 Book covers

TOPIC

Appearance
People

LANGUAGE POINTS

Pronouns
Modals: *may* and *should*
Present simple tense
Direct and indirect objects

WARM-UP

- 1 Write the following saying up on the blackboard:
– *You can't judge a book by its cover.*
- 2 Ask the students what they think the saying means.
- 3 Next, elicit equivalent proverbs or sayings in their mother tongue(s), and encourage them to think about and discuss the similarities and differences.
- 4 While they are discussing, write up the following questions on the blackboard:
– *Do you agree or disagree that you can't judge a book by its cover?*
– *Why?*
- 5 Elicit the students' views and encourage discussion.

PRE-TEXT VOCABULARY

to vary (*v*) to be different
personality (*n*) the features or qualities that make up a person's individual character
to tell (*v*) to be able to judge
jolly (*adj*) happy and outgoing
to judge (*v*) to evaluate, form an opinion
appearance (*n*) the way a person looks

TEXT

1 People vary greatly in the way they look and in their personality. 2 We often think we can tell someone's personality from the way they look. 3 For example, we may expect a thin person to be quiet or shy while we may expect a fat person to be jolly and friendly. 4 We should remember, however, that we can't judge a book by its cover, and we can't judge a person by their appearance.

NOTES

- S2** *we* – *We* is used to express the idea of people in general.
S2 *tell . . . from* – Note the preposition *from* which links *the way they look* to the verb *tell*.
S3 *may expect* – The modal *may* denotes a degree of possibility.
S3 *while* – The conjunction emphasizes the contrast (thin versus fat) signalled by the balanced sentence.
S4 *their appearance* – Note that the plural possessive pronoun *their* is used to avoid using *his* or *her* in reference to *person*.