

Unit 8 Fashion and design

1 Find someone who ...

likes wearing jeans
buys their clothes in the sales
has a fashion icon
has a favourite outfit – What is it?
prefers cotton to silk
has changed their hairstyle in the last year
has clothes in their wardrobe that are a bad fit
would buy trousers, a shirt, a skirt or a dress without trying them on
has an item of clothing, not shoes or a bag, made of leather
someone who is the same size as you (for shoes or other clothing)

2 In pairs, put the following words in columns A or B depending on whether they relate to items of clothing, the fabric and making of clothes, or fashion and the look of clothes.

cotton a good fit outdated/old-fashioned jeans leather
 accessories machine-made hairstyle celebrity culture tailor
 fashion icon crease-resistant look good in something to be made of
 set a trend to suit someone made to measure silk

A fabric, items of clothing and the making of clothes	B fashion and the look of clothes

3 The first letter of the answers to the clues below will make a word related to this unit. All the words except number 6 can be found in exercises 1 and 2.

- 1 Does not need ironing
- 2 Often used to make shoes or bags
- 3 A set of clothes for a particular event or activity
- 4 A person who makes or repairs clothes
- 5 The way in which someone arranges their hair
- 6 An accessory for the ear
- 7 If clothing makes you look good, it you.

4 Fill in the gaps in the following with a word or phrase from exercise 1 and 2 above.

- 1 Often in January there will be in the shops where you can pick up a bargain, but they do not always have your in the clothes which you.
- 2 Denim is usually made to make, shoes are usually made of; a very smart shirt may be made of but shirts are usually made of
- 3 If you are going to a smart occasion, you will choose your and then decide on some to go with it
- 4 Every so often you need to go through your wardrobe and the clothes. If you have put on or lost weight, some may no longer be and some older ones may be worn out or
- 5 A can often in what to wear, but you need to be careful because although they may in a certain , it may not you.

5 Some people say that the following of fashion has a negative effect on society. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Write an essay of at least 250 words.