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## Fashion

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Have you ever thought how strange fashion is? People tell us what clothes to wear. That's weird. Fashion stores tell us what is "in" this summer or this winter. People then buy the same clothes and look like everyone else because they want to feel trendy. The thing is, fashion is about being an individual, but then we all wear clothes that are the same as everyone else's! Keeping up with fashion is expensive these days. Everyone is into brand fashion. Have you seen how much the most fashionable sneakers are? How can kids afford those? The craziest fashion is the luxury brands. People spend a month's salary, or more, on a handbag or watch. That's crazy. I'm happy with an unknown brand at half the price. I don't mind being unfashionable.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

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# STUDENT FASHION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about fashion in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about fashion. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about fashion. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. FASHION POSTER** Make a poster about fashion. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY FASHION LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on fashion. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on fashion. Share your findings with the class.

