

Fashion – The new season is coming!

1 Each season, we have the same problem: what to keep, what to throw away, and what
2 to buy. If you're like me, when you go through your closet and drawers, you find jeans
3 from two seasons ago, denim jackets, old T-shirts, and cargo shorts that have got to
4 go.

5 What should you look for when it is time to shop? Denim is still a must-have for casual
6 wear. Rhinestones have gone; this season is all about embroidery. Look for women's
7 jeans and men's jeans that have geometric designs stitched on. Black men's jeans are
8 also back, so look out for the sleek style of black denim.

9 Now, what about tops? This season it's all about solids, but solids are ranging from
10 bright marina blue to coral to the more low-key khaki. Look for T-shirts in a variety of
11 styles, from tank tops to polos to plain round-neck tees. Again, designer logos are
12 popular, either to make a bold statement on the front of T-shirts or something more
13 subtle just below the neckline on the back of the T-shirt.

14 Before you run to the mall do a quick search to see if any new designers are making a
15 splash. You'll find cheaper clothes and have the ability to stand out from the crowd by
16 being the first to "discover" the next hip label.

17 Keep in mind that while you do want to be in fashion this season, you don't want to
18 look like everyone else. Remember, you make the clothes, the clothes don't make you.
19 Here are five tips to make fashion your own:

20 1. Accessorize – Your accessories make a statement about who you are. But not too
21 many, choose pieces that are unique and that make you shine.

22 2. Attitude is everything – You can buy the most fashionable clothes but if you don't
23 have the confidence to carry it off you might look silly. No matter what you wear –
24 even a pair of jeans and a T-shirt – hold your head high and own it.

25 3. Don't Forget the Shoes – The wrong shoes can ruin an otherwise spectacular outfit.
26 Make sure your shoe style is in sync with the style of your clothes.

27 4. Have Fun – Don't be a slave to fashion. Have fun with it and don't worry too much
28 about every little thing. Experiment. Be bold. You may even surprise yourself.

29 5. Share the Joy – Remember those old clothes from last season or last year? Give
30 them to charity. Your unwanted clothes could make someone's day.



Comprehension Questions

1. What message does the text give you about fashion?
2. What are the trends for this season?
3. How can you get new trendy clothes for cheaper than normal?
4. Where do brands put their logos on t-shirts?
5. You can never have too many accessories. True/False.
6. How important is attitude?
7. Are black jeans and a khaki colored t-shirt in fashion?
8. What should you do with last season's clothes?

Writing Task

You are a freelance fashion writer. You have a fashion blog where you write about all the latest trends. Your followers have asked you to give them some advice for this season.

Write a short blog post (150 words) giving your followers advice about the trends for this season. Remember to think of a name for your blog and a title for your post.

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Vocabulary	Definition / Example / Translation



Answers

1. What message does the text give you about fashion? **You don't need to spend a lot of money to be fashionable. There are many ways to be fashionable. Confidence is very important. You should have fun and enjoy how you dress.**
2. What are the trends for this season? **Denim. Embroidery, especially geometric designs. Black men's jeans are in. For tops, the trend is solid colors. Designer logos are also popular.**
3. How can you get new trendy clothes for cheaper than normal? **Look out for new designers.**
4. Where do brands put their logos on t-shirts? **They like to put big logos on the front of tops and also just below the neckline on the back.**
5. You can never have too many accessories. True/False. **False. You should be careful to not wear too many.**
6. How important is attitude? **Attitude is very important. If you don't have the right attitude and confidence you might look silly in certain clothes.**
7. Are black jeans and a khaki colored t-shirt in fashion? **Yes.**
8. What should you do with last season's clothes? **Donate them to charity or give them away.**

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2. Attitude is everything – You can buy the most fashionable clothes but if you don't have the **confidence** to **pull** it off you might look **silly**. No matter what you wear – even a pair of jeans and a T-shirt – hold your **head** high and own it.
3. Don't Forget the Shoes – The wrong shoes can ruin an otherwise spectacular **outfit**. Make sure your shoe style is in **sync** with the style of your clothes.
4. Have Fun – Don't be a **slave** to fashion. Have fun with it and don't worry too much about every little thing. Experiment. Be **bold**. You may even surprise yourself.
5. Share the Joy – Remember those old clothes from last season or last year? Give them to **charity**. Your unwanted clothes could **make** someone's day.



Speaking Task – Role-play

Role 1

You are a personal shopper for rich celebrities. A very famous celebrity has asked you to buy them some clothes. They want you to buy 3 items of clothing. You are meeting with the celebrity to give them the clothes this afternoon.

Checklist:

- Choose 3 items of clothing for the celebrity
- Describe each item to the celebrity
- Explain the reasons why you bought each item
- Negotiate a price for the clothes

You must use the following words: sleek, to carry off, subtle and low-key.

Role 2

You are a rich celebrity. You have asked a personal shopper to buy you 3 items of clothes. You are meeting with them this afternoon.

Checklist:

- Listen to the personal shopper describe each item
- Give your opinion about each item
- Choose which items you would like to keep
- Negotiate a price for the clothes

You must use the following words: to stand out, casual, rhinestones and to throw away.

Debate Topics

- Fashion before utility
- All schools should have uniforms.

Discussion Topic

- What type of clothes do you “collect”?

Discussion Topic

- The importance of fashion in your country

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- How do clothes change the way you see a person?

Discussion Topic

- How much better is branded clothing than non-branded?



Denim	To throw away	Drawers
Cargo shorts	Embroidery	To stitch
Sleek	Tank top	Subtle
To carry (something) off	To stand out	Low-key
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Talk about... What you wore yesterday	Talk about... Your favorite type of clothing	Talk about... How often you buy clothes
Talk about... The last time you got dressed up	Talk about... The best places to buy clothes	Talk about... The strangest trends you have seen

