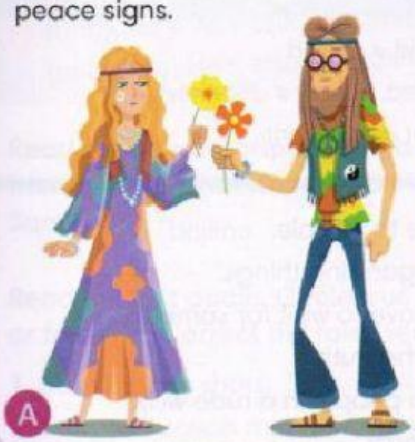
Teenage fashions

What did young people wear thirty years ago? What about sixty years ago? Let's look at fashions from the past.

In the 1960s, a lot of young people were **hippies**. Women wore long dresses and sandals, and had long wavy hair. Men wore colourful shirts with floral patterns, and also had long hair and beards. Hippies wanted peace and freedom, and often painted their faces with flowers and peace signs.



A

Punk rock was popular in the 1970s and 1980s. The music was loud and angry. **Punks** wanted to look different and shock people. They wore tight trousers with holes in them, old T-shirts and leather jackets. They had dyed spiky hair – blue, pink and green were popular colours – and they wore safety pins as earrings.

B

In the 1990s and 2000s, skateboarding became cool. **Skaters** wanted to be comfortable, so they wore casual T-shirts and old baggy jeans or shorts, often with colourful trainers. Their hair was usually long and messy, and they wore baseball caps or hoodies. A lot of people wore skateboarding fashion, even if they didn't have a skateboard!

C

Comments

Suzie Yesterday, I was looking at some old photos. I found one of my grandma when she was young. She was wearing a red leather jacket and had green hair. My grandma was a punk!

Leo My uncle was a skater. He was showing me some of his old tricks last weekend when he fell off the skateboard! He wasn't hurt – just embarrassed!

1.24 Listen and repeat. Which of the features can you see in pictures A–C?

Vocabulary Hairstyles

curly hair dyed hair shaved hair spiky hair
straight hair wavy hair bald beard moustache

I know that!

What words describe people's:

1 **look?** *pretty, …*
2 **height?** *tall, …*
3 **build?** *slim, …*
4 **face?** *blue eyes, …*

fat short good-looking
handsome round face medium-height
thin green/brown eyes big/small nose

Exam Spot **1.25 Read and listen to the text again. Read the questions and circle H (hippies), P (punks) or S (skaters).**

1 Which fashion was popular in the 1990s? H / P / S
2 In which fashion did people wear casual, sporty clothes? H / P / S
3 Which fashion is connected with music? H / P / S
4 Which fashion is the oldest? H / P / S
5 In which fashion did people dye their hair different colours? H / P / S

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