

Describing clothes

1. Listen to the radio programme. Write down the items of clothing the speakers mention.

2. Listen again. Match the statements 1–5 with the speakers: Anna, Robby, Izzy, Grant. There is one extra statement.

1 I like to copy the look of famous people.	
2 I follow the latest designs to look good.	
3 I go to fashion shows.	
4 I decide what to wear depending on the weather.	
5 I don't like to be different from other people.	

3. Complete the sentences with the adjectives below.

trendy smart elegant scruffy casual

- 1 When I get home from school I change into _____ clothes – they're more comfortable.
- 2 It's important to look _____ at weddings and other special occasions.
- 3 When my sister got married, she looked so _____ in her long white dress.
- 4 Our English teacher is quite _____ and wears the latest designer clothes.
- 5 My cousin Matt often looks _____ – he sometimes wears T-shirts which have got holes in them.

4. Listen to two friends talking about fashion magazines. Complete the gaps with the correct words or expressions. Write between one and three words in each gap.

- 1 Judy says that slim models _____ better than overweight ones.
- 2 Mark believes that showing only thin models sends out _____ to young people.
- 3 Judy says that people should make _____ in life.
- 4 Airbrushing is a technique used by _____ to make celebrities look better in photos.
- 5 At the end of the conversation, Judy says that it's normal for people to want to look _____ in magazine photos.

5. Listen to the radio programme and complete the comments on the radio's forum with a word or phrase. Write no more than five words.

mimi003:

Just wanted to say I don't get people like Anna. She loves trends and is addicted to ¹_____. She wants to look fashionable so she ²_____ money on designer clothes she's read about. I mean – what's the point? Don't you have your own style?

→ T-man:

Come on, sometimes whether you have your own style or, like Robby, don't really care about it, you don't have much choice. If you've got an office job, then you just need to look smart. Robby is right in going to his father ³_____ about choosing the right suit and tie. His father knows about such things since he's an office worker too. Teens aren't good with formal styles. Most of us, like Robby, dress alike in casual clothes.

→ fashionable03:

Not everyone has an eye for style. I liked Izzy's idea! If designer clothes worn by celebrities are ⁴_____ for you, browse the shops for something similar for less. Izzy loves ⁵_____ and I believe that's the way to a great style – find something to make yourself stand out. Even if you're like Grant and ⁶_____ is your main priority. By the way, Grant, you say that your warm clothes and your pj's make you look ⁷_____. Why not simply choose cool hats and pj's instead?