

Beyond B1 – Units 9-10

First Term Activity

First read the text. Then answer the questions. You have 15 minutes in total. Use the tips in the *Remember how to* box to help you.

FASHION AND YOU

We asked six teenagers to tell us how they feel about fashion.

A: Thomas (17), Netherlands

I'm a vegan so I only wear clothes that haven't been manufactured from animal products. Vegan clothes aren't so difficult to find that it's a problem because most clothes nowadays are made from man-made fibres. It just means that I'm not able to wear clothes or accessories made of leather, fur or wool.

B: Kismet (16), Turkey

I like smart, designer clothing and I don't believe that it's just for rich people. If you're able to save your money to buy even one high-quality item occasionally when you go shopping and look after it carefully, dressing well becomes affordable. I never wear trainers unless I'm playing sports, and I can't stand hoodies, baggy jeans or cheap jewellery.

C: Denise (16), Brazil

I'm pretty fashion-conscious. Fortunately I'm so creative that even when I don't have money, I'm able to adapt clothes I already own to new fashions. For example, I cut holes in my jeans or I dye my clothes different colours when I get bored of them – basically, I make them into completely new things so they look cool again.

D: Valentin (14), Russia

I wouldn't really say that I follow fashion. I usually wear casual clothes, such as jeans and a T-shirt or tracksuits and trainers. I'd rather be comfortable in my clothes and concentrate on more important things like my studies than keep up with the latest trends.

E: Marta (15), Norway

Heavy metal music is such a big part of my life that it influences how I dress. I wear a lot of black clothes – black leather jackets and (always!) silver accessories such as earrings and bracelets. I like to stand out from the crowd so that people will be able to recognise that I belong to a particular small group with specific interests.

F: Sophia (14), Italy

I must admit that most of my allowance goes towards keeping up with the latest trends. I read magazines to find out what's in fashion and I go shopping at least once a month. I like to look so stylish that people turn their heads as I walk down the street. I'm pretty self-confident, so I don't worry about being the first person in school to wear a new style.

Choose from the people (A–F). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person (A–F) says:

- 1 that he/she spends most of his/her pocket money on clothing?
- 2 that he/she dresses in a certain way to look different from the majority of people?
- 3 that modern clothes are generally not made out of natural materials?
- 4 that he/she is able to change his/her clothes to suit different trends?
- 5 that he/she has high self-esteem?
- 6 that if you act wisely, you can wear expensive clothes even if you're not wealthy?
- 7 that comfort is more important to him/her than following fashion?
- 8 that he/she strongly dislikes casual clothes?
- 9 that he/she uses fashion to attract attention?
- 10 that jewellery is a big part of his/her personal style?

Vocabulary 1: Complete the text with the words in the box.

elementary high kindergarten middle state

I find the school system very confusing. I wish it was the same in all countries. I'm from the US and I've just moved to England where my dad's got a new job. What's going on? School for really young kids is called (1) _____ in the US but it's got a different name over here – nursery school. Then there's (2) _____ school; that's called primary school here in the UK. And _____ when teenagers go to (3) _____ school in America, they go to secondary school here. BUT there's no (4) _____ school over here. That's part of secondary school as well. Huh? And another thing, people in the UK call schools that are private public schools. That makes no sense! What do you call a (5) _____ school then?

Vocabulary 2: Complete the text with the verbs in the box.

self-confident self-control self-defence self-pity self-taught

Anyway, I was a bit sad for the first few weeks when we moved over here because I missed my friends at home in Milwaukee. But I decided not to feel sorry for myself. (6) _____ gets you nowhere, I always say. Instead, I joined a (7) _____ class. I did karate for a few years when I was younger, but I was mostly (8) _____. I never took a course – well, until now. I hoped joining a club would help me make some new friends. And it really did. Within a few days I'd met several really nice people and got more (9) _____ – I feel really good about myself now. Another benefit of doing karate classes is that it really teaches you (10) _____. I'm able to manage my emotions much better now than before.

Vocabulary 1: Complete the text with the words in the box.

baggy collar leather patterned wool

I think I prefer (1) _____ clothes to plain clothes. That matches my personality – colourful, you know. As for jeans, I don't wear them very often but (2) _____ is always best. They should be nice and loose. I think it's uncomfortable when they're tight around the legs. I never wear (3) _____ because I don't like wearing things made from animals. That means no (4) _____ either – the sheep can keep their coats! Most of the clothes I wear come from man-made materials. Do I wear the (5) _____ of my shirt up or down? Down, of course. I'm not looking for attention!

Vocabulary 2: Complete the text with the verbs in the box.

Unlike a lot of guys, I find clothes shopping really (6) **enjoyable / reliable** . I go regularly, though I never spend lots of money on my shopping outings. I look for things that have a (7)

downloadable / reasonable price. If it's not (8) **affordable / wearable**, I simply won't buy it – I don't believe in paying lots of money for things you wear. Once I look (9) **respectable / recyclable** in what I have on me, I'm not worried. The only thing I'll pay a lot of money for is shoes. I work on a building site, so I'm on my feet a lot. It's important to have (10) **suitable / manageable** footwear for health and safety reasons.

Grammar 1: Complete the text by expressing the information in brackets in reported speech.

I've made this new friend from the States. He seems really cool. I (11) _____ down beside me ('Would you like to sit down beside me?') yesterday at lunch as he was just there in the canteen on his own. He said his name's Achak. I (12) _____ me where his name comes from (12) ('Can you tell me where your name comes from?'). It's a Native American name apparently. He (13) _____ he was Native American, though ('Don't think I'm Native American, though.'). He said he was African American – his mum had named him after his neighbour because she liked the name Achak. He (14) _____ what it meant ('Can you guess what it means?'). I (15) _____ me because I'd got no idea ('Tell me because I've got no idea!') He said it meant 'Spirit'. I think that's a good name for my new friend – he looks like he's got lots of spirit.

Grammar 2: Complete the gaps in the text with reflexive pronouns or *each other*.

Spirit (that's his nickname now) and I enjoy (16) _____'s company a lot. We express (17) _____ in the same way so we really understand (18) _____. We have a lot in common too. For example, we both do karate and we love the outdoors. He invited me round to his house for dinner yesterday evening and I met his parents. I was a bit nervous when I introduced (19) _____ to them but, actually, they were really nice. They gave (20) _____ a lot of work to do for dinner, though. There were five courses! Mind you, it was all delicious and we had a really great time. I've only known Spirit a few weeks but already he feels like my best friend.

Grammar 1: Write *such* or *so* in the gaps to complete the text.

My brother Kyle's got no brain when it comes to fashion. He's got (11) _____ bad taste that I have to make sure I go with him the few times he goes shopping. Otherwise, he'll come back with clothes (12) _____ awful that he won't be able to wear them out. The last time he went shopping on his own was a disaster. He bought a yellow jumper that was (13) _____ bright that I had to put my sunglasses on just to look at him wearing it! He said it was (14) _____ a comfortable and cheap top that it was fantastic. I asked him if he was joking and told him to take it off immediately. He was (15) _____ lucky that I was there to help. I took him back to the shop and exchanged the yellow jumper for a stylish light-blue top.

Grammar 2: Complete the text with the correct past, present or future forms of *able to*.

The reason I love talking about fashion is because I'm studying it at university. I do some night classes to do with clothing as well. One of the things I've learned is how to knit. I (16)

_____ (not able to) do that until a few months ago. I (17) _____ (not able to) sew yet, though. Hopefully, I

(18) _____ (able to) do that in about a week's time when my sewing night class starts, though. It's going to be on three times a week; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Unfortunately, I (19) _____ (not able to) go on Wednesday evenings as I've got classes at university late that day. I (20) _____ (not able to) get them changed to another time when

I asked about that possibility last week. You're probably wondering why I spend so much time doing courses and studying, right? Shouldn't I be out having fun? Well, the truth is when you do something you love, you're having fun all the time – that's how I feel about life at the moment. 😊

Listening: Part 1

Listen to the teacher describe the process of bread making and put the steps in the process (A-I) in order. There are two steps you don't need to use.

(1) Step 1 _____
mixture.

(2) Step 2 _____

(3) Step 3 _____

(4) Step 4 _____

(5) Step 5 _____

(6) Step 6 _____

(7) Step 7 _____

A Add more water and flour to the

B Form a hole in the middle.

C Press the mixture with your hands.

D Place the flour in a mixing bowl.

E Press the mixture with a spoon.

F Add the yeast and salt to the bowl.

G Make it into a round shape.

H Add the water and oil.

I Cover the dough and leave it for two

hours.