

COCO CHANEL AND PAST TENSES

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1. Listen the first 3 minutes of the audiobook . What were women expected to do at the start of 20th century? What was Coco Chanel good at?

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2. Put the words from the box in the gaps, use the correct form of the past simple.

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not work	spend	go	wear	protect	wear	support	not be happy	come	seem	
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COCO CHANEL



'Fashion is not just about dresses; fashion is something in the air. Fashion is in the sky, the street. Fashion is about ideas, the way we live, what is happening.'

At the start of the twentieth century, the idea of women in business crazy. In those days, men all the positions of power and made all the decisions about money. They that a woman's place was in the home, looking after her children, cooking for her family and managing the house. If a woman to work she could perhaps find a job in a shop or in a factory, but she had no chance of working as a businesswoman or a banker or a lawyer.

Women's fashions in the US and Europe at that time this idea of their position in society. Fashionable women long dresses that almost the ground. This made it difficult for them to drive a car, ride a horse or even walk quickly. As a result, they men to arrange their travel for them. A fashionable woman was also expected to keep her skin as white as possible to show that she outside in the sun. This that women a lot of time indoors. When they out, they often large hats that were decorated with flowers, leaves and fruit. These their faces from the sun and made it even more difficult for them to move

around. But many women weren't happy with their position in society, and they the clothes they wear either. One of these people was a Frenchwoman called Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel. When she went into business in 1910, she planned to change the clothes that women wore. But over the next sixty years she much more than that, as she the richest and most successful business-woman of the century.

Coco Chanel no experience of business when she opened her first hat shop in Paris in 1910. She was only twenty-seven years old and she from an ordinary family. When she left school, she worked for a dressmaker for a short time. Later she to become a singer in a nightclub, where she was given the name 'Coco'. Coco was an attractive young woman' she always well and she was good at making friends. Although she didn't have any money, she with fashionable, successful people and her boyfriends were often rich young army officers.

3. Listen to the audiobook about Coco's life till the end and write 10 interesting or surprising facts you've learned.

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