

**Listen to five young people talking about following fashion. Choose from the list (A-F) which problem each person mentions. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| A the cost of clothes             | Speaker 1 [   ] |
| B the range of fashions available | Speaker 2 [   ] |
| C the time it takes for delivery  | Speaker 3 [   ] |
| D the lack of sizes available     | Speaker 4 [   ] |
| E clothes which are badly made    | Speaker 5 [   ] |
| F the colors available            |                 |

**Drag and Drop the right idiom to complete the given ideas suitably.**

Under the weather - a ripe old age - has a really short fuse - Age is just a number - come of age -  
- through thick and thin - been at odds - a bitter pill to swallow - two peas in a pod - as pale as a ghost

1. Watching my daughters \_\_\_\_\_ has been the biggest joy of my life.
2. You won't be living to \_\_\_\_\_ if you keep eating all that junk food!
3. So my boyfriend's 25 and I'm 35, so what? \_\_\_\_\_, it's not important!
4. Ana isn't coming to the office today. She's feeling quite \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Being fired from one's first job is definitely \_\_\_\_\_. Nobody likes that!
6. Sally is super volatile and loses her temper easily. She \_\_\_\_\_!
7. She was \_\_\_\_\_ after that car nearly ran into her on the sidewalk.
8. The Education Secretary denied reports that he and the President had \_\_\_\_\_ over university funding.
9. Those kids have the same wacky sense of humor—they're truly like \_\_\_\_\_.
10. She's always been there for me \_\_\_\_\_, so I can't turn my back on her now.

**Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs.**

- 1 Karen \_\_\_\_\_ much on Facebook recently.

- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ you wearing a tie!
- 3 We're exhausted because we \_\_\_\_\_ all day.
- 4 How many years \_\_\_\_\_ this house?
- 5 How long \_\_\_\_\_ to drive?
- 6 This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ Lara sing. She's talented!
- 7 We \_\_\_\_\_ Ed since we first came to Boston.
- 8 My internet connection \_\_\_\_\_ on and off a lot today.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ an operation?

**Choose the correct word(s).**

- 1 The **Chinese** / **Chineses** are buying more and more cars.
- 2 We need to do more as a society to take care of **elderly** / **the elderly**.
- 3 **The French** / **French** take a long time over their meals.
- 4 **Poor** / **The poor** seem to be suffering the most from government cuts.
- 5 The **Italian** / **Italians** have a reputation for stylish design.
- 6 Traffic lights often make sounds to help **the blinds** / **the blind** cross the road.
- 7 In some towns there isn't enough entertainment for **young** / **the young**.

**Choose the odd word out.**

*Example:* bruise      blister      **cough**      rash

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|---|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | sneeze      | cough   | headache  | sunburn   |
| 2 | bacteria    | blister | virus     | infection |
| 3 | earache     | dizzy   | faint     | pass out  |
| 4 | flu         | a cold  | injection | asthma    |
| 5 | painkillers | drugs   | medicine  | symptom   |
| 6 | bleed       | wound   | diarrhea  | bandage   |

Choose A, B, or C to complete the sentences.

1 Harry's got a \_\_\_\_\_ sports car.

A blue new fantastic

B fantastic new blue

C new blue fantastic

2 I think the \_\_\_\_\_ dress suits you best.

A green long cotton

B long green cotton

C cotton long green

3 My grandparents have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ cottage in the country.

A old lovely little

B lovely little old

C little old lovely

4 Could I have \_\_\_\_\_, please?

A the green ones

B the green

C the ones green

5 A You look exhausted!

B That's because I \_\_\_\_\_ the garden all day.

A dug

B 've dug

C 've been digging

Read the article about an historical discovery about fashion. Five sentences have been removed. Which sentence (A-F) fits each gap (1-5)? There is one extra sentence you do not need to use.

## Stone-age Mini Skirt Discovered

For more than 40 years, fashion experts have argued over the origins of the mini-skirt. Some say British designer Mary Quant came up with the design in the 1960s. (1 ) And some experts even believe it made its first appearance in Hollywood ten years earlier.

But now archaeologists say the true origins of the mini skirt go back to the very beginning of civilization. They have uncovered evidence that Stone Age women were, in fact, wearing mini-skirts more than 7,500 years ago. (2 )

A series of stone statues wearing the prehistoric fashions were found at one of Europe's oldest known villages. (3 ) The findings in this ancient village push back the origins of fashion and art in Europe by hundreds of years, to a time when our ancestors were actually just learning about farming. "According to the statues we found, young women were beautifully dressed, like today's girls," said archaeologist Julka Kuzmanović-Cvetković.

The unnamed tribe of people lived between 5400 and 4700 BC in the 120-hectare site at what is now Plocnik in Serbia. Various things found at the site show us that they knew about trade, art, and how to sew. They celebrated beauty and produced 60 different forms of wonderful pottery and statues. (4 ) Women, it seems, have always paid attention to their appearance.

Little is known about the life of the people – known as the Vinca – who made the statues. The Vinca culture developed quickly between 5500 and 4000 BC in Bosnia, Serbia, Romania, and Macedonia. It got its name from the present-day village of Vinca on the Danube River near Belgrade where eight villages have been found.

The latest discoveries suggest these early farmers were more advanced than we think. The dead were buried in a tidy cemetery, houses had stoves, and there were special holes for rubbish. People slept on rugs and fur, made clothes of wool and leather, and kept animals. (5 ) This is clear because some of the things found include toys such as animals and rattles of clay, and small, badly crafted pots apparently made by children at playtime. One of the most exciting finds for archaeologists was the discovery of a sophisticated metal workshop.

"This might prove that the Copper Age started in Europe at least 500 years earlier than we thought," Dr Kuzmanović said.

The Copper Age was the first use of tools by humans. It is thought to have started around the 4,000 BC in south-east Europe, and earlier in the Middle East. The discovery of Europe's oldest underground mine at the nearby Mlava river suggested at the time that Vinca could be the first place in Europe to use metal, a theory which seems to be now supported by the Pločnik site.

- A The trend at the time was to wear them with short tops and bracelets.
- B This community was situated between rivers, mountains, and forests in what is now southern Siberia.
- C It was first discovered in 1927.
- D It also seems that they were especially fond of children.
- E However, others point to Frenchman André Courrèges.
- F According to Dr Kuzmanović, these not only represent the things they respected but also things they got enjoyment from.