

1 Read the blog posting and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Sara's blog

Welcome to my blog where I talk about other blogs I have enjoyed reading!

This week I have been really inspired by two women who blogged about their exciting experiments with shopping and fashion. First of all, there's the English woman, Belinda, who didn't buy any new clothes for a year, and then decided to only shop at charity shops. In her blog, Belinda explains that she loved fashion but she didn't like the fashion industry and that she was fed up with worrying about whether her clothes were ethically made or not. For a year she didn't walk into a single shopping mall or department store. Can you imagine? She was also very good at sewing so she was able to adapt the clothes she already had. If she had something that didn't suit her or wasn't fashionable any more, she wasn't afraid to change it and make it look different. She says she liked knowing that she would never meet someone wearing exactly the same thing.

Another woman, a young American called Jennifer, did something even braver. She actually wore the same 'little black dress' for a year (well, she had seven identical dresses – one for each day of the week). People asked her if it was boring to put on the same style of dress every day but being so creative, she found it easy and fun to invent 365 ways of wearing the same dress. In the photos on the blog she looks amazing just by changing accessories (hats, scarves, belts, etc.), but she only used things she already owned or that people gave her. So, why did she do it? She says she wanted to set herself a style challenge, but she also realized that she wanted to do something useful with her creativity. So she set up the *Uniform* project and asked people who visited her website to donate money to help send street children in India to school. She has not only given people lots of great fashion ideas, but has also succeeded in raising 100,000 dollars and sending over 300 children to school. I think that's really cool!

Example: Sara's blog is about ____.

Acurent fashion trends ☐ Bnew kinds of shops ☐ Cother people's blogs ☒

1 Sara is describing two women who blogged about ____.

A scientific discoveries ☐ B experiments with fashion ☐

C how people dress in England ☐

2 Belinda didn't buy new clothes for ____.

A one year ☐ B two years ☐ C a month ☐

3 She wasn't happy about ____.

A the fashion industry ☐ B the clothes most people wear ☐

C the material most clothes are made of ☐

4 Sara says that Belinda ____ clothes herself.

A couldn't sew ☐ B made changes to ☐ C made new ☐

- 5 Belinda modified clothes that didn't _____.
A have buttons on ☐ B fit her ☐ C look good on her ☐
- 6 She enjoyed wearing clothes that _____ in shops.
A couldn't be bought ☐ B could be bought ☐ C aren't often found ☐
- 7 Jennifer had seven black dresses that were all _____.
A quite different from each other ☐ B very similar to each other ☐
C exactly the same ☐
- 8 She _____ dressing in the way she did every day.
A didn't like ☐ B didn't mind ☐ C was bored ☐
- 9 She only used extra items that she had or that people had _____ her.
A given ☐ B sold ☐ C bought for ☐
- 10 Jennifer raised money to _____.
A educate children ☐ B buy clothes ☐ C set up a website ☐

2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Example: Belinda didn't go to a shopping centre for a year. T

- 1 Belinda only bought used clothes from charity shops after twelve months. ____
- 2 Belinda was worried about wearing something that didn't suit her. ____
- 3 Jennifer put photographs of herself wearing her dress on her blog. ____
- 4 Jennifer started her project because she wanted to save money. ____
- 5 People give money via Jennifer's website to learn about style. ____