

# Reading

Which are the oldest- T-shirts, Converse boots or baseball caps? Read the texts to find out!

## The T-shirt

White cotton T-shirts were first worn by the US Navy in the 1940s but it was Hollywood movies that made them popular. Actors Marlon Brando and James Dean wore classic white T-shirts in films they made in 1954 and 1955. After this, every young man wanted to wear one. Women began to wear T-shirts from 1959, when the American actor Jean Seberg wore one in a French film. From the mid-1960s, companies like Coca-Cola used T-shirts to improve sales, putting logos or pictures on the front.

## Converse boots

Marquis Mills Converse started his shoe company in 1908 but it wasn't until 1917 that he started making basketball boots. Then, in 1921, a basketball player called Chuck Taylor got a sales job with Converse. Chuck made the All-Star basketball boot famous, and in 1923 his name was included on the boot. For many years, 'Chucks' were only available in black but in 1947 a white boot was made. In 1966, the company started making boots and shoes in other colours. Nike bought Converse in 2003.

## The baseball cap

The modern baseball cap was born in 1954, when a company developed the '59Fifty' for Major League baseball players to wear. These caps are worn by all kinds of people now, from famous film stars to rap singers – and probably by you as well. They are comfortable and help to keep the sun out of your eyes – unless you wear them back to front, like many tennis players!

Answer the questions with **T** for T-shirt, **C** for Converse boots or **B** for Baseball cap.

*For example:*

0. Which one is the oldest? **C**

1. Which one was first seen in films?
2. Which one is useful in hot weather?
3. Which one became well-known because of a sport person?
4. Which one is sometimes worn in a different way?
5. Which one was only available in two colours until 1960s?
6. Which one was used as an advertisement for a drink?
7. Which one belongs to another company now?

Complete the timeline with years from the text.

