

Before Listening



Predicting Content. You are going to listen to three people talking about unusual fashions. Look at the photos. What do you think these items are? Discuss your ideas with a partner.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

Listening: An Informal Conversation

A | Listening for Main Ideas. Listen to the conversation. Look back at the photos. Under each photo, write the name or a brief description of the item.

B | Note-Taking. Listen again and complete the notes. (See page 206 of the *Independent Student Handbook* for more information on note-taking.)

Antigravity jacket: part _____ and part _____

Kevlar: _____ fiber, stronger than _____

- used in _____ and _____
- developed in _____

Biosteel made from _____ protein produced in _____

- possible uses: _____

Wearable electronics integrate _____ and _____

- Ex.: GPS sneakers allow parents to _____

C | Listening for Specific Information. Listen again. With a partner, answer the questions.

1. According to the conversation, where does Danish clothing designer Alex Soza get his ideas?
2. Which piece of clothing was modeled at the fashion show by an animal?
3. Why can't textile manufacturers raise large groups of spiders?
4. What does the man think about the future of wearable technology?

After Listening

Critical Thinking. With a partner, discuss the questions.

1. What are some uses for an antigravity jacket?
2. Goats and spiders are used in the production of Biosteel. Do you think it is acceptable to use animals for the purpose of creating new textiles? Explain your answer.
3. What could be some additional uses of GPS sneakers, besides helping parents to track their children?
4. Ten years from now, what other types of wearable electronics could people be wearing?