



READING

Before You Read

Work in groups of 4. Brainstorm the traditional items of clothing in your country and make a list.

While You Read

A. Read the following text and choose the best title for it.

- a. Traditions of different countries
- b. Different cultures around the world
- c. Clothing in different cultures



The most common item of clothing in India is the *sari*. It's a single piece of **fabric**. It's around nine meters long. Indian people wear the sari in many different ways. It's popular all around India. You can see it even in a **fashion show** on TV.



The *kilt* represents the Scottish culture all over the world. It's the traditional costume for men at festivals in Scotland. If you visit Scottish highland games, you can see lots of men in kilts. The traditional musical instrument in Scotland is the bagpipe. Bagpipe players also wear kilts.



The *kimono* is the most famous symbol of the traditional Japanese culture. It first appeared in Japan in the seventeenth century. Men and women wear it particularly on special occasions like weddings. Kimonos have various designs. The crane **design** is the most popular one. It symbolizes good fortune and long life.



Flamenco dresses form an essential part of the Spanish culture. Flamenco is a well-known style of dance in Spain, and female flamenco dancers usually wear these costumes. They're also very popular with Spanish women. For example, many local women put on colorful flamenco dresses during the spring festival in Seville, in the south-west of Spain.