

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

READING



Read the article on “How to be a hipster”. Do the exercises below:

a) Decide if the sentences are **TRUE OR FALSE**:

Hipsters...

- 1 always look smart. _____
- 2 go shopping as often as they can. _____
- 3 care a lot about current affairs. _____
- 4 love listening to music. _____
- 5 eat in fast food restaurants. _____

How to be a **Hipster**

Today, hipsters can be seen more frequently than ever before. They are part of a subculture that rejects everything mainstream in favour of expressing their own uniqueness. If this sort of thing appeals to you, you might like to consider becoming a hipster yourself. Read on to find out more.

1 Dress like a hipster

Hipsters would never wear designer clothes because they prefer to create their own image. Indispensable items in a hipster's wardrobe include skinny jeans or leggings and T-shirts with ironic messages printed on them. Check and flower patterns are also popular, and it doesn't matter if the garments don't match. They wear cowboy boots or Converse trainers on their feet, and as far as accessories are concerned, they wear sunglasses, bright belts and they generally have a couple of piercings.

2 Shopping

Consumerism is something that hipsters can't stand, so they don't go shopping very often. Instead they prefer to make use of old things, and they love vintage clothing. Female hipsters raid their grandmothers' cupboards looking for old dresses, while the men go in search of Grandad's old shirts – the ones without a collar. Of course, the clothes generally need to be altered to make them fit, but a hipster is a genius with a needle and thread, so this isn't a problem. The only shops a hipster will enter are charity shops, craft shops, or their local vintage boutique.

3 Lifestyle

Hipsters tend to be very bothered and upset about the way the world works – or doesn't work, in their view. They are usually well-informed because they spend hours every day sitting in cafés surfing the internet on their smartphones or tablets – the only exceptions to their aversion to consumerism. Hipsters are usually quite young – the age ranges from late teens to mid-30s. Most go to university, and many of them base their career choices around music, art, or fashion.

4 Entertainment

Hipsters love all things independent and Indie music is a big part of what they represent. They are always the first to hear about new bands, but once a band becomes popular, they stop listening to them. A typical hipster line is: 'I liked them before they were cool.' When it comes to cinema, they watch independent and foreign films, and they attend independent productions at the theatre. Hipsters also love reading, especially books about political science, anthropology and sociology.

5 Food

Eating meat isn't popular with hipsters, and most of them tend to be vegetarians or vegans. Many grow their own food in their gardens or on a balcony; if not, they go to natural food markets instead. Fruit, coffee and Asian food are very popular with hipsters, and they love making meals for their foodie friends.

So if you want to be a hipster, forget everything you know about being 'cool' and find your own unique way to fit in with this trend.



b Read the article again and choose the right answer.

- 1 The hipster subculture is made up of people who want...
a to look cool.
b to be different.
c to fit in.
- 2 Hipsters don't tend to wear...
a sports shoes.
b colourful patterns.
c baggy trousers.
- 3 Hipsters sometimes go shopping in...
a shops that support a good cause.
b stores that sell the latest fashions.
c places that everyone knows.
- 4 Many hipsters...
a like to read about politics.
b are involved in politics.
c know very little about politics.
- 5 Hipsters like new music...
a after it has become well known.
b until it becomes well known.
c when others stop liking it.
- 6 Hipsters enjoy food...
a from supermarkets.
b they produce themselves.
c in restaurants.

c Find the words or phrases in the text to match definitions 1–10:

- 1 adjective referring to ideas and opinions thought to be normal because they are shared by most people (*introduction*) _____
- 2 the general impression that a person gives (*paragraph 1*) _____
- 3 things that you wear or carry to match your clothes, e.g. bag, scarf (*paragraph 1*) _____
- 4 garments from a certain period in the past (*paragraph 2*) _____
- 5 things you use for sewing (*paragraph 2*) _____
- 6 worried about something (*paragraph 3*) _____
- 7 a strong feeling of not liking something (*paragraph 3*) _____
- 8 not influenced by anything else (*paragraph 4*) _____
- 9 people who don't eat any animal products at all (*paragraph 5*) _____
- 10 a person who is very interested in trying different dishes (*paragraph 5*) _____

VOCABULARY



1- Choose the odd word out.

Example: sneeze cough headache sunburn

- 1 bruise blister cough rash
- 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 diarrhoea bandage
- 7 come round lie down dress up throw up

2- Choose the correct word(s).

Example: I only like natural materials – I never wear nylon / linen.

- 1 I like that **checked** / **striped** jumper with the green and blue squares.
- 2 I need this shirt in a bigger size – it's too **loose** / **tight**.
- 3 That jacket is the perfect colour – it **suits** / **matches** those trousers.
- 4 You need some **lycra** / **velvet** shorts if you want to do some serious cycling.
- 5 If it's really hot tomorrow evening I'll wear my new **long-sleeved** / **sleeveless** dress.
- 6 We're going shopping in 15 minutes, so **get dressed** / **dress up**!
- 7 Lisa prefers **checked** / **plain** clothes without any pattern.
- 8 Those shoes really **go with** / **fit** your jeans.
- 9 That **silk** / **suede** scarf is gorgeous!
- 10 No one can fill my mom's **boots** / **shoes**, she's unique. ♥
- 11 This dress **suits** / **fits** you like a glove! It's just perfect!
- 12 You sound terrible! It seems you have a frog in your **throat** / **mouth**!

PRONUNCIATION



Match the words with the same sound.

hooded allergy ~~eh~~oking cough loose diarrhoea

Example: clothes choking

- 1 injection _____
- 2 **ear** _____
- 3 **off** _____
- 4 boots _____
- 5 **woollen** _____

Mark the stressed syllable.

Example: colton

- 1 poi|son|ing
- 2 head|ache
- 3 fa|shio|na|ble
- 4 car|dil|gan
- 5 un|con|scious

