

PLACES

PREPARE TO READ

Discuss these questions.

1. Is it better to have a lot of clothes or a few clothes?
2. Is your closet neat?



WORD FOCUS

Match the words with their definitions.

A.

1. active ____
2. artistic ____
3. casual ____
4. express ____
5. hang up ____

- a. hang in a closet or on a wall
- b. always busy
- c. communicate feelings or thoughts
- d. a word for a person who likes art
- e. relaxed; not formal

B.

1. mess ____
2. organize ____
3. personality ____
4. practical ____
5. take care of ____

- a. the kind of person that you are
- b. not neat; things out of order
- c. useful
- d. be careful with; keep nice
- e. put things in order

SCAN

A. Guess the answer. Circle *a* or *b*.

Who wrote the first letter?

- a.* Fashion Lady *b.* Miss Mess

B. Scan the passage quickly to check your answer.



Ask the Fashion Lady

Dear Fashion Lady,

I love clothes. I have lots of them. My closet is a big **mess**. I can never find my favorite clothes. Please help!

Miss Mess

5 Dear Miss Mess,

You love your clothes, so **take care of** them. First, **hang** them up. Then, **organize** them.

There are many ways to organize your clothes. Your clothes **express** your **personality**. If you are **artistic**, you can organize your clothes by color. Then, it will be easy to find your green sweater or black jeans. If you are an **active** person, organize your clothes by activity. Organize them into school clothes, party clothes, sports clothes, and **casual** clothes. Maybe you are a **practical** person. Organize your closet into spring, summer, **fall**, and winter clothes.

15 Match your organization system to your personality. Then your clothes will match your style and look good on you.

20 Fashion Lady

WHICH MEANING?

What does **fall** mean in line 14?

- 1 (verb) go down
- 2 (noun) a season of the year
- 3 (noun) a place where water goes over rocks

CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION

Read the passage again and answer the questions. Circle your answers.

MAIN IDEA

1. Why did Miss Mess write the letter?
 - A. She wants more clothes.
 - B. She takes art classes.
 - C. She needs help with her closet.
 - D. She's going to a party.

DETAIL

2. What does the Fashion Lady tell Miss Mess to do?
 - A. Hang up her clothes
 - B. Buy new school clothes
 - C. Wear more colors
 - D. Wash her clothes
3. What is true about Miss Mess's closet?
 - A. It's empty.
 - B. It's full of art.
 - C. It doesn't have nice clothes.
 - D. It isn't organized.

4. How can a practical person organize her clothes?

- A. By color
- B. By activity
- C. By season
- D. By size

INFERENCE

5. Fashion Lady is probably
 - A. a relative of Miss Mess.
 - B. a writer for a magazine.
 - C. a teacher of Miss Mess.
 - D. an artist.

TEXT REFERENCE

6. In line 7, *Then, organize them*, what does the word *them* refer to?
 - A. Clothes
 - B. Jeans
 - C. Closets
 - D. Ways