

2 a Read the article about the history of flip-flops.
Check the correct options



From Beachwear to High Fashion

Apparently, the flip-flop as we know it today ⁽¹⁾was/is invented in New Zealand. Cheap and easy to make, the design ⁽²⁾was/is based on Japanese sandals known as zori. For that reason, they ⁽³⁾were/are first called jandals, or Japanese sandals. However, the most famous examples of these rubber sandals today come from Brazil. The company Havaianas ⁽⁴⁾is/was formed there in the 1960s, but the brand has only become famous abroad in recent years. Now, a large percentage of the world's flip-flops ⁽⁵⁾is/was made by this Brazilian company. In fact they have recently become an expensive fashion item, and new Havaianas designs ⁽⁶⁾are/were introduced all the time. This is ironic, considering that for millions of people in the world, flip-flops are the only shoes they can afford to buy.

b 10.3 Listen and check. Answer the questions below.

- Do you like flip-flops? If not, why not?
- If you do, how many pairs do you have?
- Where and when do you wear them?
- Is there anywhere you can't wear them?