

Reading Comprehension : Vocabulary (คำศัพท์)

- **barefoot (adv.):** without shoes on your feet (เท้าเปล่า)
- **papyrus (n.):** a kind of grass (ต้นகக)
- **garment (n.):** a piece of clothing (เสื้อผ้าอาครتن)
- **tunic (n.):** a long loose piece of clothing with a belt and no sleeves, worn by people in ancient times
(เสื้อคลุมรัดเอวของชาวกรีก)
- **gown (n.):** a long dress that a woman wears on very formal occasions (ชุดราตรี)
- **elaborate (adj.):** having a lot of small details or complicated parts (ซับซ้อน, ละเอียด, ประณีต)



Clothing through the Ages

Since early times, people have worn clothing that was made of materials that we still use today.

In ancient Egypt, only light clothing was worn because of the hot climate, so clothes were made of linen or cotton. Most people went barefoot much of the time, but they sometimes wore sandals that were made of papyrus, a kind of grass.

In ancient Greece, ordinary people used to wear clothes of wool or linen. The rich wore cotton and silk. Greek women used to wear a long loose linen garment called a tunic, and they wore bracelets, necklaces, and anklets. Greek men wore plain tunics tied at the waist.

In the Middle Ages, clothing was made of wool. Men wore tunics, and women wore a long gown with a belt tied around the waist. Workers had one set of clothes per season. They used to sew on their clothes, and they didn't change clothes or take a bath for months.

In Europe, by the sixteenth century, clothes became more elaborate, and buttons were used. The rich wore fine wool, cotton, or silk and rich women wore silk stockings. The most expensive dyes were bright red, purple, and indigo blue. Poor people usually wore brown, yellow, or blue.

Beginning in the sixteenth century, hoop dresses were the trend. Women wore frames made of whalebone or wood under their dress to make the skirt full and wide. Men wore knee-length trousers and stockings.

Women continued to wear long dresses into the twentieth century. But things changed quickly, and skirts became short. Now both men and women wear pants, and jeans are common for everyday wear. People wear synthetic fibers like nylon, but cotton and wool are still appreciated for their comfort and appearance.



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Directions: Read each passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question.

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1. What is this passage about?

- a. Changes in clothing through history
- b. The kind of clothes people wear today
- c. Clothes popular in the ancient world
- d. Cotton

2. Why did people in ancient Egypt wear light clothing?

- a. Because it was cold
- b. Because they did not have wool
- c. Because it was hot
- d. Because it was inexpensive

3. What is “papyrus”

- a. A kind of shoe
- b. A type of grass
- c. An Egyptian type of cloth
- d. A type of wool

4. Ancient Greek clothing was made from of wool and _____.

- a. silk
- b. whalebone
- c. papyrus
- d. linen

5. Tunics were worn in _____.

- a. the Middle Ages and in ancient Greece
- b. 16th century Europe
- c. the Middle Ages
- d. 20th century

6. When did buttons start to be used?

- a. In ancient Greece
- b. 16th century Europe
- c. The Middle Ages
- d. 20th century

7. What did women use to make a hoop dress?

- a. Cotton
- b. Whalebone
- c. Linen
- d. Plastic

