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Read the text below and complete each blank with *one* word.

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Gianni Versace was one of the (1) _____ successful fashion designers (2) _____ the 1980s and 1990s. He was born in 1946, in Reggio, a (3) _____ small town in Italy, where he learnt how to make clothes. In (4) _____ beginning, he sold his clothes to (5) _____ manufacturer in Milan, but he was not as popular then (6) _____ he was in later years. Very quickly he developed a personal style, which made him famous. He used bright colours and, over time, his clothes became more and (7) _____ extravagant. The more successful his collections were, the (8) _____ his talent was acknowledged. Celebrities (9) _____ Princess Diana and Elton John loved his style. Versace also paid the (10) _____ attention to his surroundings (11) _____ he did to his clothes and spent (12) _____ of money on art and expensive furniture. Versace's fame, however, is just (13) _____ side of this story of style, which ended suddenly with his death (14) _____ the summer of 1997. Some fashion critics have described his clothes (15) _____ "fabulous rubbish" and criticised him for using cheap materials. Nevertheless, he has to be seen as one of the most influential designers of his generation.