

LISTENING

1 **Track 01** Listen to an interview with a young fashion blogger and complete sentences 1–5.

- 1 Teenagers often choose to wear clothes like jeans and a T-shirt because they don't want to look _____.
- 2 Some teenagers' clothes show _____ they belong to or reflect the kind of music they listen to.
- 3 Angie thinks that many young people try _____, but they don't care about personal hygiene.
- 4 Angie admires people who aren't afraid to express themselves by _____.
- 5 Angie spends a lot of time _____, but she thinks it's worth it.

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READING

2 Read the text and match headings a–f with paragraphs 1–4. There are two extra headings.

As you walk along the street, you can easily spot people wearing unusual items of clothing, often with nose and lip studs and original hairdos. Some of them will have tattoos as well.

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Some 50 years ago, the people who had tattoos were those who defined themselves as social outcasts. You know, the muscular, often scarred types, like gangsters or prisoners. But today, tattoos are popular among various kinds of people, from rebellious types to rich and elegant men and women from the higher social classes. Thus, seen on the streets and on TV, tattoos have become a widely accepted feature of personal appearance in our society. So, no wonder the streets of our big cities are now swarming with prospering tattoo studios.

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Some might say that the recent growth in the popularity of tattoos mirrors their widespread appeal in ancient times. Tattoos were common in a number of cultures, from the Far East through Europe to North and South America, for a number of reasons, the most common of which were either ethnic, ritualistic or even health driven motives. Despite their popularity sometimes going up and down since ancient times, the art of tattooing has survived up to modern times and is now doing well.

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As tattooing is now so popular, it was only a question of time that some companies, desperately looking for new ways of reaching their audience, would start exploiting the idea of tattooing for advertising. Nowadays, a lot of businesses, including some well-known clothing companies, are paying people to have tattoos as part of their promotion campaigns.

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However, despite the modern-day popularity of tattoos, not everyone feels ready to mark their body in such a permanent way. Despite this, they do have a chance to get their bodies decorated with less durable substitutes. For example, henna is an extremely popular option and is used to both colour the hair and paint patterns on a person's skin. Henna tattoos take about two days to dry and disappear after about two weeks.

- a Using tattoos to increase sales
- b Popular both in the past and today
- c A short-term alternative
- d The mark of a subculture
- e Becoming more and more trendy
- f Unusual body painting

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LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS

3 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 To me, she looks _____ a rich businesswoman.
- 2 Judging _____ their faces, they're really enjoying themselves.
- 3 These people _____ across as a group of eccentric individuals.
- 4 Is it all right _____ I leave the class a little early today?
- 5 She's got a real talent _____ choosing interesting clothes.
- 6 I think this photo was _____ at a festival or some kind of celebration.

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with the correct words. The definitions have been given in brackets to help you.

- 1 My grandma is quite old now and she's got a lot of _____ (lines on the face which appear as a person grows old) on her face.
- 2 She is very _____ (extremely thin) now. She weighs a lot below her normal weight.
- 3 My brother says he wants to grow a _____ (the hair on a man's chin and cheeks).
- 4 My dad is losing his hair. He's already got a high _____ (the front part of the head).
- 5 On cold days, I always wear my favourite V-neck _____ (a warm sweater).
- 6 I like sunbathing, so I always come back from holiday with my skin wonderfully _____ (with a brownish colour of skin because of the sun).
- 7 My friend has such a _____ (very light in colour, almost white) complexion that people often think she's ill.

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5 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first letters have been given.

- 1 She's got dark, wavy, shoulder-l_____ hair.
- 2 You should put on some smart high-h_____ shoes to go with that dress.
- 3 It's very hot, so I'll wear some shorts and open-t_____ sandals.
- 4 He's a handsome, well-b_____ man in his early twenties.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 Our organisation wants to take _____ against some clothing companies that exploit their workers. We're going to ask people to stop buying their products.
- 2 Some companies offer their workers extremely low salaries just to make bigger _____. They earn a lot of money while their workers lead miserable lives.
- 3 Fortunately, more people now care _____ the idea of fair trade.
- 4 Some companies do not realise that they might _____ a high price for the inhumane working conditions in their factories if people decide to boycott their products.

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GRAMMAR

7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 You can borrow this tie. I _____ (not need) it at the moment.
- 2 X: Look at Aunt Cecilia. What on earth _____ (she / wear) on her head?
Y: Yeah, it could be a hat. You know, she _____ (find) something eccentric to wear for all our family gatherings.
- 3 My sister _____ (not spend) much time shopping for clothes, but this week she _____ (look) for a dress to wear for mum's birthday party.

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8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use verb + *-ing* form or infinitive.

- 1 I can't afford _____ (buy) such an expensive dress.
- 2 Josh can't stand _____ (wear) formal clothes like a suit and tie.
- 3 My best friend moved house last month, so I really miss _____ (see) her.
- 4 It was an expensive jacket but my brother persuaded me _____ (get) it.
- 5 I don't mind _____ (do) the ironing.

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ENGLISH IN USE

9 **Read the text and choose the correct answers.**

Unfortunately, my parents are extremely strict about what I wear. I always have to wear clean, neatly ironed clothes, no 1 ___ dresses or skinny jeans. And my shoes! My dad is absolutely crazy about shoes, so he never lets me 2 ___ any shoes that are not perfectly clean. I'm really getting more and more tired of following the rules. My parents 3 ___ that I want to have my own style and they somehow always manage to persuade me to change my mind.

So, as you can imagine, I'm really looking forward to going to university in another city to finally gain some kind of independence. I'm quite confident that I've got really good 4 ___ in clothes, so I'm going to start dressing in a much more interesting way. I really wouldn't like to 5 ___ across as a boring person to my new friends at university!

1 a designer	b high-heeled	c suit
2 a to wear	b wearing	c wear
3 a not understand	b don't understand	c aren't understanding
4 a sense	b look	c taste
5 a go	b come	c seem

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WRITING

10 **Read the instructions and do the writing task.**

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- zaproponuj koleżance wspólne spędzenie czasu podczas zbliżającego się weekendu z nowo poznanym znajomym / z nowo poznana znajomą.

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