

IELTS Clothes & Fashion Vocabulary

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Question examples:

Examiner: Do you enjoy buying clothes?

Pedro: I used to ... yes ... like most young people I was a bit of a slave to fashion and I'd always have to buy that must-have shirt or pair of shoes ... I'm not so bothered now though ... I wouldn't feel comfortable wearing something old fashioned but I'm not as bothered as I used to be about what I wear ...

Examiner: What kind of clothes do you like to wear?

Marco: I prefer casual clothes actually ... I hate getting dressed up for special occasions ... personally I think it's possible to look good in a pair of jeans ... but that's my opinion ... I don't think my wife would call me a fashion icon that's for sure ...

Examiner: What factors do you think affect the clothes we choose to wear?

Maki: It depends ... where we are or where we're going is a big factor ... if you are going out to a club or party you're going to dress for the occasion ... and then there are those who think it's important to look like they're on trend ... they'll want to wear the latest fashions ... there are lots of factors really

to be on trend: to be very fashionable

casual clothes: not formal

classic style: a simple, traditional style that is always fashionable

designer label: a well-known company that makes (often expensive) clothing

dressed to kill: wearing clothes that attract admirers

to dress for the occasion: to wear clothes suitable for a particular event

fashionable: in fashion

fashion house: a company that sells (usually expensive) new styles in clothes

fashion icon: a person who is famous for their sense of fashion

fashion show: an event where models show off the latest in fashion designs

to get dressed up: to put on nice clothes, often to go out somewhere special

to go out of fashion: to not be in fashion any more

hand-me-downs: clothes that are passed down from older brothers or sisters to their younger siblings

to have an eye for (fashion): to be a good judge of

to have a sense of style: the ability to wear clothes that look stylish

the height of fashion: very fashionable

to keep up with the latest fashion: to wear the latest fashions

to look good in: to wear something that suits you

to mix and match: to wear different styles or items of clothing that aren't part of a set outfit

must-have: something that is highly fashionable and therefore in demand

off the peg: clothing that is ready made

old fashioned: not in fashion any more

on the catwalk: the stage that models walk along to show off the latest fashions

a slave to fashion: someone who always feels the need to wear the latest fashions

smart clothes: the kind of clothes worn for a formal event

to suit someone: to look good on someone

to take pride in one's appearance: to pay attention to how one looks

timeless: something that doesn't go out of fashion

vintage clothes: clothes from an earlier period

well-dressed: to be dressed attractively