

EPISODE 103
LEVEL A1.2/ A2.1

READING COMPREHENSION



FASHION AND CLOTHES



Every year in one African country they organize a beauty contest to show off their most beautiful young men. During this festival men have to parade and dance in front of women. Before the main dance the men **dress up** for hours. They make up their faces with special yellow powder and they put turbans on their heads. They want to look really **smart** (= elegant).

Although the costume has to be **traditional**, the contestants are happy to **try on** new accessories (= put them on to check how they look) that will make them look different, or **trendy** (= modern, fashionable). They wear **jewellery** (= objects that you wear as decoration), such as **necklaces** (= a piece of jewellery worn around the neck) or **bracelets** (= a piece of jewellery worn around your wrist) to make them look more **up-to-date** (= modern).

When the winner is chosen, his people celebrate for a long time. He will become famous and can expect many wives.

More contexts for the new words:

- Jack enjoys wearing **casual** clothes, such as jeans and T-shirts. (= comfortable, informal clothes)
- I can't afford **designer clothes**. (= clothes made by famous designers)

EXERCISE 1

Give words for the definitions:

1. elegant clothes = s..... clothes
2. fashionable = t.....
3. informal clothes = c..... clothes
4. an ornament worn around the neck = a n.....



5. jewellery worn around the wrist = a b.....
6. to put on clothes to check if they fit = to t..... o.....

EXERCISE 2

Match the question halves. Then answer the questions.



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| 1. Do you enjoy | a. to look up-to-date? |
| 2. How often do you | b. wearing designer clothes? |
| 3. Do you always want | c. wear jewellery? |

ENGLISH IN USE

We use *have to* to say that something is necessary and *don't have to* to say that something is not necessary.

*I can't talk to you now. I **have to** go to work.*

*I can go to bed late. I **don't have to** go to work tomorrow.*

In 3rd person singular (she/he/ it) we use *has to* and *doesn't have to*:

*She **has to** go to work.*

*He **doesn't have to** go to work.*

To make questions with *have to* and *has to* we use *do* and *does*:

***Do you have to** go to work?*

***Does she have to** go to work.*

IDIOM CLOSE-UP



*Those pants might be in style, but they don't look good on you, Louise. Don't be a **fashion victim**!*

If you are a **fashion victim**, you wear fashionable clothes even if they don't look good on you.

PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP



1. If you **DRESS DOWN**, you wear clothes that are more informal than the clothes you usually wear.

*She always made a point of **dressing down** on her first date with a man.*

2. When you **ZIP UP**, you close a zip on a piece of clothing.

***Zip up** your jacket, it's cold out there.*

EXERCISE 3

Complete the sentences with correct words:



1. You'd better z..... up your jacket.
2. We've got a d..... down day at work on Fridays so I put on jeans and a T-shirt.
3. You don't have to be a f..... victim to look good.

NEWS



MODELS UNDER 16 BANNED IN LONDON

Models under the age of 16 will be **banned** from London's Fashion Week. In addition, all models may soon have to show a health certificate before they can walk down the **catwalk**.

These are the decisions which have been taken to **ensure** models eat healthily. The reason for that is the fact that models are becoming really skinny these days. Super-thin is trendy and experts **fear** that models are risking their health because of different **eating disorders**. An unwanted **side effect** is that teenagers and young women in their twenties and thirties copy the looks and shape of size-zero models and risk their health. Last year two Uruguayan models died because of **poor diets**.

GLOSSARY

- **banned** – not allowed
- **catwalk** – the area at a fashion show that the models walk along
- **ensure** – make sure that sth happens
- **fear** – be afraid of
- **eating disorder** – an illness in which people eat too little or too much and are unhappy with their bodies
- **side effect** – additional result that you did not expect or want
- **poor diet** – bad diet

KEY TO EXERCISES

Ex. 1

1. smart
2. trendy
3. casual
4. necklace
5. bracelet
6. try on

Ex. 2

1. b
2. c
3. a

Ex. 3

1. zip
2. dress
3. fashion