All the rage: clothes and fashion

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
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Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Tick the correct category for each fashion word.

Word | Style | Item | Trend | Quality

1 statement piece [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
2 tailored [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
3 timeless [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
4 must-have [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
5 flattering [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
6 fast fashion [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
7 chic [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
8 mix and match [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 This dress is very flattered on her. _____
2 He always wear a tailored suit. _____
3 That style is timeless since decades. _____
4 She loves mix and matching clothes together. _____
5 This bag is the must-have item of season. _____
6 Fast fashion is bad for the environment because it. _____
7 She has a very chic style always. _____
8 That necklace is a real statement. _____

3 Choose the more suitable description.

1 For clothing made to fit a person precisely: tailored / baggy.
2 For a style that never goes out of fashion: timeless / fleeting.
3 For clothes that make someone look attractive: flattering / unflattering.
4 For cheaply made, quickly produced clothing: fast fashion / bespoke.
5 For a stylish, elegant look: chic / scruffy.
6 For an eye-catching item that stands out: statement piece / plain basic.

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4 Complete the profiles with words from the box.

chic | fast fashion | flattering | mix and match | must-have | statement piece | tailored | timeless

Profile A: Marta prefers 1 _____ suits that fit her perfectly, and believes a good blazer is 2 _____, never going out of style.
Profile B: Leo loves to 3 _____ different patterns, and his favourite 4 _____ this season is a bold, printed jacket.
Profile C: Nika avoids 5 _____ brands because of the environmental impact, and instead invests in a few 6 _____ pieces.
Profile D: Ana always looks 7 _____, choosing colours and cuts that are genuinely 8 _____ for her figure.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

The cost of cheap clothes

Fast fashion, the rapid production of cheap, trend-driven clothing, has transformed how people shop, allowing consumers to buy the latest styles at low prices. However, this model has significant costs: garment workers are often underpaid, and the environmental impact, from water use to textile waste, is considerable. As awareness grows, some shoppers are turning towards timeless, tailored pieces designed to last for years rather than a single season, while others are embracing second-hand and vintage clothing as a more sustainable alternative. Critics argue that meaningful change will require shifts not only in consumer habits but also in industry practices.

1 What is fast fashion? _____

2 What has fast fashion allowed consumers to do? _____

3 Name two costs of the fast fashion model. _____

4 What are some shoppers turning towards instead? _____

5 What alternative are others embracing? _____

6 What do critics say meaningful change will require? _____

6 Rewrite each phrase using the word in capitals.

1 That colour really suits her. FLATTERING _____

2 His suit was made to fit him exactly. TAILORED _____

3 That style will never go out of fashion. TIMELESS _____

4 Everyone wants this bag this season. MUST-HAVE _____

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 100-120 word account comparing fast fashion with a more sustainable approach to clothing. Include your own view and reasons.

[ ] Use at least ten target expressions. [ ] Include polite, precise wording. [ ] Organise the account clearly.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Categories

1 Item 2 Quality 3 Quality 4 Trend 5 Quality 6 Trend 7 Style 8 Style

2 Corrections

1 flattering on her 2 always wears 3 timeless for decades 4 loves mixing and matching clothes
5 must-have item of the season 6 Fast fashion is bad for the environment 7 always has a very chic style
8 real statement piece

3 Suitable descriptions

1 tailored 2 timeless 3 flattering 4 fast fashion 5 chic 6 statement piece

4 Profiles

1 tailored 2 timeless 3 mix and match 4 statement piece 5 fast fashion 6 timeless 7 chic 8 flattering

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 The rapid production of cheap, trend-driven clothing.
2 Buy the latest styles at low prices.
3 Any two: underpaid garment workers, environmental impact.
4 Timeless, tailored pieces designed to last.
5 Second-hand and vintage clothing.
6 Shifts in both consumer habits and industry practices.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 That colour is flattering on her. 2 His suit was tailored to fit him exactly.
3 That style is timeless. 4 This bag is a must-have this season.

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check range, respectful register and clear organisation.