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CURRICOLO DI TRANSIZIONE ISTITUTO ALFANO

quaderno di INGLESE per le vacanze

per i nuovi iscritti alla classe prima

LISTENING COMPREHENSION



cari ragazzi,

Vi proponiamo delle attività da poter svolgere durante l'estate, quando vi troverete in vacanza, in previsione del nuovo anno scolastico.



Teens and fashion

Questa sezione è dedicata al potenziamento della comprensione dell'ascolto.

Looking forward to meeting you in September,
your English teachers

LISTENING COM

Listening 1

Link Audio 40-41: <https://inenglish.loescher.it/teens-and-fashion>



DOCUMENT READING+

1 Read the following passage.



Audio 40 The right clothes

Shopping is usually a big expense for teens, particularly because many like to have the latest fashions and make an effort to keep up¹ with changing fashion trends. Even if there are less costly choices, many students prefer to shop in expensive stores and despite² higher prices they buy the latest styles.

Maybe clothes are important to teens because, at that age, having the right clothes is a way of fitting in³ as well as looking good. In choosing to wear a popular brand, kids “brand themselves”⁴.

There is a strong connection between dressing cool and popularity. When you ask a teenager to describe a person, the expression “dresses well” is always near the top of the list of attributes. What is striking⁵ is that physical attractiveness is a plus factor for popularity, but it’s actually less important than stylish clothes. Can you really buy popularity with a dress that costs £ 200? Well, the latest studies suggest that this really might be the case.

Nora is a 13-year-old girl. She loves exclusive brands and she admits that this can lead to expensive

habits. «I love buying prestigious brands. They make me feel cool.»

«Clothing is more or less an expression of one's personality», says Daniel, 15. «And expensive clothes offer a more unique look.»

Shopping trends

An increasing number of teens, particularly boys, prefer to shop online.

Many teenagers love exclusive brands and their loyalty to a brand is often carried through to adulthood.

Teenagers are some of the biggest spenders, especially when it comes to clothing, gadgets and entertainment.

GLOSSARY

1. **make an effort to keep up:** cercano di tenersi al passo con
2. **despite:** nonostante
3. **fitting in:** adattarsi
4. **brand themselves:** si marchiano
5. **what is striking:** ciò che colpisce

2 Answer the following questions.

- 1 Why do many teens spend a lot on clothing?
- 2 Where do they shop?
- 3 Why are clothes important to teens?
- 4 Does the popularity of teenagers depend on how they dress?
- 5 Is being good-looking more important than dressing well according to most teenagers?
- 6 Why does Nora like exclusive brands?
- 7 What is clothing according to Daniel?
- 8 Who prefers to shop online?

COMPETENCE



SPEAKING

3 Discuss in pairs.

What do you think of clothes brands? Do you wear brands? Would you like to wear brands? Are brands for teenagers the same as for adults?

- ex. A** What do you think of clothes brands?
B I think brands are elegant/too expensive...

4 **KET** Audio 41 Listen to Marta and Jessica talking about shopping in London. Tick the right answer.

ex.: Where did you buy that beautiful shirt?

- a. At Harrods' b. At Selfridges' c. At Fortnum & Mason

- 1 Fortnum & Mason is
a. the largest department store.
b. the most exclusive department store.
c. the cheapest department store.
- 2 In Italy Marta buys her clothes
a. in second-hand shops.
b. in department stores.
c.
- 3 Portobello Market takes place
a. every day.
b. only at the weekend.
c. on Saturday.

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Show you understand: *I see / OK / Right*

Show interest: *Really? / Do you? / Me too / That's interesting*

Give examples: *For example / For instance*

4 At Portobello Market you can buy

- a. essentially food.
- b. essentially clothes.
- c. all sorts of objects.

5 Second-hand shops are making a profit

- a. in Italy.
- b. in Britain.
- c. both in Italy and in Britain.



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Qui di seguito trovi un elenco di links per esercitarti. Puoi svolgere le attività direttamente online o stampare gli esercizi.

EATING OUT

Listen carefully to the conversation in a restaurant and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/eating-out>

FREE TIME

Listen to Tyrone calling the staff at his local swimming pool and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/free-time>

GIVING DIRECTIONS

Do the preparation exercise before you listen. Then, look at the map and listen to the directions while you do the other exercises.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/giving-directions>

GOING TO THE CINEMA

Listen to Mario and Tamara talking about what film they want to see and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/going-cinema>

SHOPPING FOR CLOTHES

Listen to the conversation between a customer and a shop assistant and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/shopping-clothes>

STOP WASTING TIME

Listen to the conversation about how to study better and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/stop-wasting-time>

TAKING NOTES

Listen to the conversation about taking notes and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/taking-notes>

TOUR OF LONDON

Take a tour of London by listening to this tour guide and do the exercises to improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/tour-london>

TRAINS AND TRAVEL

Listen to five different conversations at a train station and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/trains-travel>

TRAVELLING ABROAD

Listen to the five airport announcements and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/travelling-abroad>

USING COLOURS TO DO HOMEWORK

Listen to the presentation about using colours to organise homework and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/using-colours-do-homework>

WEATHER FORECAST

Listen to the weather forecast and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening/elementary-a2-listening/weather-forecast>

WORK

Listen to five different people talking about their jobs and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

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