

# BE THE BEST!

An intellectual contest  
for the 8-th formers

***“WHAT DO YOU KNOW  
ABOUT FASHION IN BRITAIN?”***



# What clothes do people wear in England?

## Fashion

As the UK is very much a western society - we wear very much the same as any other modern western society - ranging from Jeans and T-shirts (whether with designer labels or not) to full business suits for office work (if required). Special clothes for the climate include heavy overcoats or anoraks for cold wintry weather to raincoats and umbrellas, for weather rain. Materials used cover every type and colour of fabric available, especially consider that Britain is a multi cultural society and in certain cities (Bradford for an example) you will find many stores with very colourful silk available for making in Sari's and other ethnic clothes.

## **Footware**

*Footware can be from the likes of Nike and Addidas Trainers (sneakers) to Leather Brogues (Wingtips) and for ladies - also the trainers to highly fashionable boots and shoes with heels or without.*



## **Clothes worn by children**

*When they are relaxing at home or out playing with their friends, children in England wear comfortable clothes like t-shirts, jeans and sportswear. The right clothes are very important to teenagers, and many love to shop for the latest fashions.*

# *At School*

Most children wear a school uniform when they are at school. In some schools children must wear jackets and ties. In other schools the uniform is more casual.

## *Boys:*

Long grey or black trousers (shorts may be worn in the Summer), white Shirt, school tie (optional in most primary schools), jumper or sweater with the school logo on - the colour is the choice of the schools, black shoes



## *Girls:*

As above. Girls may wear skirts. During the summer term girls often wear summer school dresses.

# Famous British fashion designers

*Famous British fashion designers include Vivienne Westwood, Alexander McQueen, Paul Smith, and Stella McCartney, daughter of former Beatle Paul McCartney.*



*Do you know them?*



*What do you think about  
the role of the Queen in  
the development of British  
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**Not only the famous designers but also the English Queen influences the fashion in Britain.**

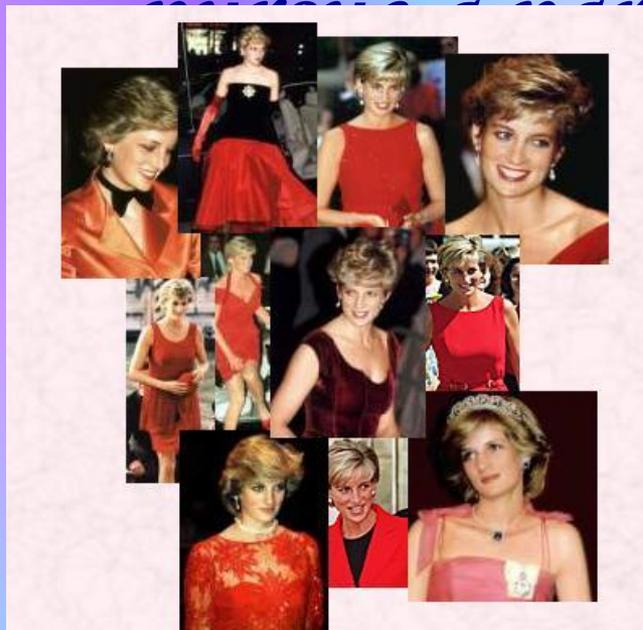
*Read about the Royal clothes.*

The Queen is said to take a great interest in her hats. It is important for her face to be seen from all angles and a replica of her head is kept at her milliners. Hats are also important as cover ups as it means the hair does not need constant attention. These hats offered Queen Elizabeth an opportunity to have fun with fashion that was denied to other elements of her royal clothing. She began to wear hats with pleats and drapes and styles varied from wide brimmed Bretons to neat turbans.

# The collection of the Queen's hats



Throughout her brief life Princess Diana supported many British designers especially Arabella Pollen, Bruce Oldfield, Amanda Wakeley and Catherine Walker. Initially the Princess of Wales was encouraged by staff of Vogue to

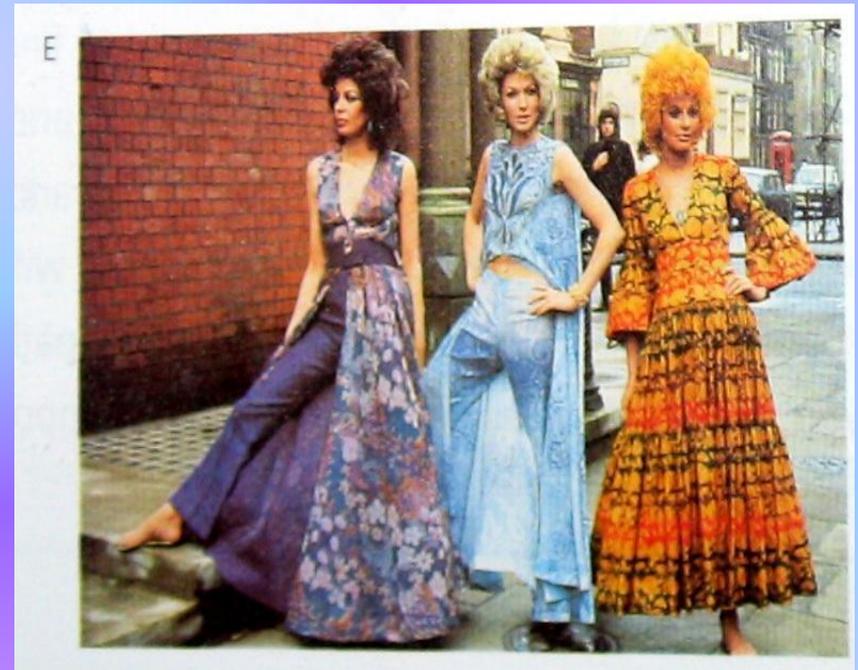
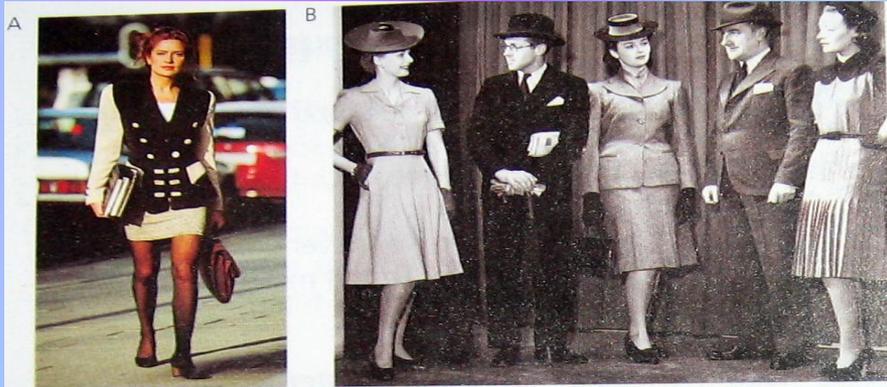


**gained  
confidence in  
her own fashion  
style and  
became more  
and more  
elegant as she  
began to  
understand  
what suited her.  
Diana became**



# Look at the photos and discuss the following questions:

1. What do you think of the styles in the photos?
2. What decades do you think they come from (the 1920s, the 1930s, etc.)?
3. Which photo would you associate with this type of music?



Put the words in the box below into one of the following categories

Types of clothes	Types of shoe	accessories	patterns

belt, sandals, jacket, anorak, pullover, skirt, cardigan, trainers, plain, slippers, brooch, T-shirt, vest, tights, socks, shorts, earrings, stripped, suit, raincoat, blouse, dress, pajamas, scarf.



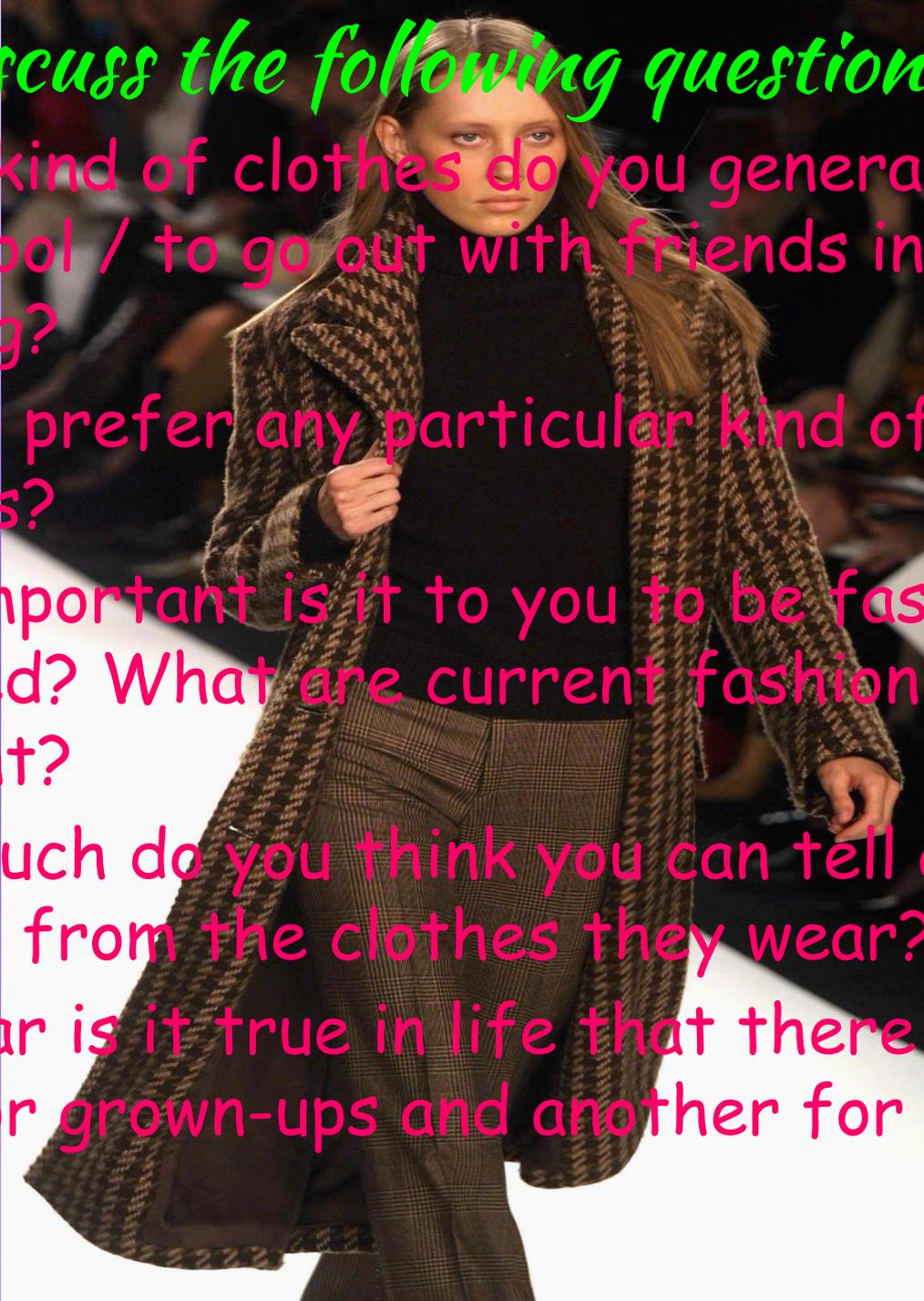
Look at the picture  
and describe the  
boy's and the  
girl's clothes and  
hair, using these  
adjectives:

leather,  
expensive,  
cheep, shaved,  
wavy, black,  
unusual.



## *Discuss the following questions.*

1. What kind of clothes do you generally wear to school / to go out with friends in the evening?
2. Do you prefer any particular kind of clothes?
3. How important is it to you to be fashionably dressed? What are current fashion at the moment?
4. How much do you think you can tell about a person from the clothes they wear?
5. How far is it true in life that there is "one rule for grown-ups and another for kids"?



# Work in pairs to complete the questionnaire.



## WHAT KIND OF SHOPPER ARE YOU?

Do you:

YES/NO

- |   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 rush off to the shops as soon as you have any money to spend?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 find shopping a nightmare because you can never find what you want?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 find it impossible to resist buying things?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 enjoy window-shopping and looking at the latest fashions and gadgets? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 prefer spending time on other things rather than shopping?            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 compare prices before buying something?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 only go shopping when you absolutely have to?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

# Answer the questions.



- 1) What clothes do people wear in England?
- 2) What is the school uniform for boys and girls in Britain?
- 3) Who are famous British fashion designers?
- 4) What is the Queen's favourite clothes?
- 5) Why did Princess Diana become an icon in fashion history?
- 6) Try to compare the fashion in Britain and in Russia?



*THE END!!!*

