



Fashion & First Impressions

LESSON A2-B1

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Look at these people. What are they wearing? Name as many items of clothing as you can in 1 minute.

Which outfit do you like the most? Why?

What is your first impression of this person?



Read the sentences and choose the option that you think fits best. Explain your choice.
Then answer the questions.



If you are a fashion designer, you must _____ every season.

A: keep up with the latest trends

B: stick to a particular style

Should a designer follow trends or create them?



Many people _____, so they judge you based on your shoes or watch.

A: have a sense of style

B: have a biased opinion

Can shoes really tell us about someone's character?



When meeting a new client, it is crucial to _____.

A: come across as confident

B: reflect your personality

Can a person in jeans come across as professional?



I believe that a person's wardrobe should always _____.

A: reflect their personality

B: keep up with the latest trends

Does your wardrobe reflect your mood or your permanent character?

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Many successful people, like Steve Jobs, preferred to _____ to save time in the morning.

A: keep up with trends

B: stick to a particular style

Would you like to wear a "uniform" every day to save time?



It is better to _____ than to spend thousands of dollars on expensive brands.

A: have a sense of style

B: keep up with the latest trends

Can you have a great sense of style with a small budget?



If you want to _____ and friendly at a party, you should wear bright colors.

A: come across as approachable

B: have a biased opinion

What specific colors make a person look 'friendly' or 'dangerous'?



Sometimes we shouldn't _____, because a person in a hoodie might be a genius.

A: stick to a particular style

B: have a biased opinion

Is being "trendy" more important than being comfortable?



Fill in the gaps with the correct phrases from the vocabulary list. Then, answer the following questions.

keep up with
the latest trend

have a biased opinion

reflect someone's
personality

have a sense
of style

stick to a
particular style

come across as
(confident / rude /
friendly)



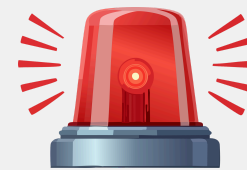
1. How long does it take for you to come across as a friendly person when you meet someone new?
2. Do you think it's possible to have a sense of style if you only buy second-hand clothes?
3. Do you prefer to stick to a particular style or do you change your look every month?
4. Why do many people have a biased opinion about teenagers who wear oversized hoodies?
5. Do you feel pressure to keep up with the latest trend because of social media (Instagram/TikTok)?
6. In your opinion, which item in your wardrobe reflects your personality the most?

Read the following "fashion emergencies." Discuss how to solve each problem.
Make sure to use the bold words in your answers.



Situation 1: The Wedding Tracksuit

Your best friend arrives at a formal wedding wearing a bright neon tracksuit. He says it **reflects his personality**. How do you convince him to change so he doesn't **come across as rude** to the bride and groom?

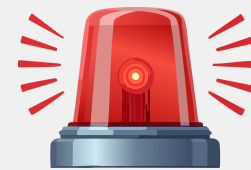


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Situation 3: The Trendy Shopaholic

Your friend spends her whole salary **to keep up with the latest trends**, but now she has no money for food or rent. What advice can you give her to save money but still look good?

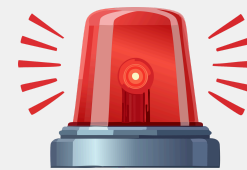


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Situation 4: The "Boring" Interviewer

You are applying for a creative job (like a stylist), but you decided to **stick to a particular style** (a very boring gray suit). You are afraid you won't **come across as** a creative person. What can you add to your outfit last minute?

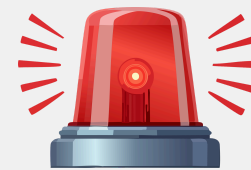


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Situation 5: The Style Crisis

Your younger brother has no **sense of style** and wears mismatched clothes (like socks with sandals). He has a big date tomorrow. How do you help him choose an outfit that **reflects his personality** but still looks stylish?

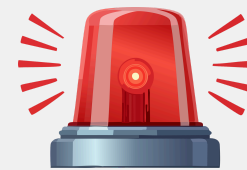


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Situation 6: The Fashion Judge

A new colleague joined your office. Everyone **has a biased opinion** because she wears very expensive brands every day. You want to show the team that her clothes don't **reflect her personality** and she is actually a very humble person. What do you do?





Look at the photo. First, unscramble the phrase. Then, use it to describe the person or the situation in the picture.



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Work in pairs and take turns to roll the die. Use the corresponding phrase to create a sentence about yourself, someone you know, or fashion in general. For an extra challenge, connect your sentence to the previous student's idea to build a short story together.



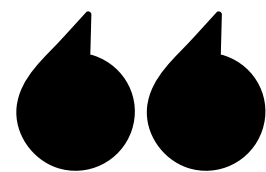
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1. Have a sense of style
2. Keep up with the latest trends
3. Come across as...

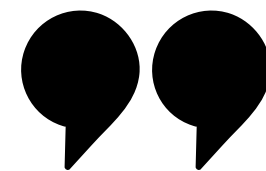
4. Have a biased opinion
5. Reflect someone's personality
6. Stick to a particular style



Read the short text about the person. Look at the picture provided. Does the text match the person's appearance?



Alex is a highly successful CEO of a global financial company. He is known for being very disciplined, serious, and professional. He spends his days in high-level meetings and always sticks to a particular style that commands respect.

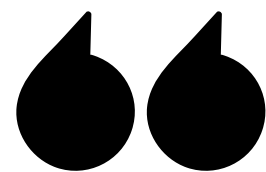


- *Does the picture match the description? Why or why not?*
- *How does Alex come across to you at first sight?*
- *Do you think his tattoos reflect his personality or are they just fashion?*
- *Would a client have a biased opinion about Alex because of his tattoos?*

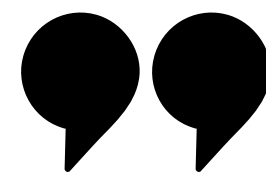




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Luna is a top student at a prestigious university. She loves quiet libraries and spends hours studying complex science. She is very calm and friendly, but she wants her clothes to reflect her rebellious personality and love for underground music.

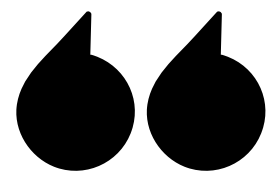


- Describe Luna's sense of style. Is it what you expected for a top student?
- If you saw her in the street, would you have a biased opinion about her intelligence?
- Does she come across as a "typical" scientist? Why or why not?
- Is it important to keep up with trends if you want to be a successful student?

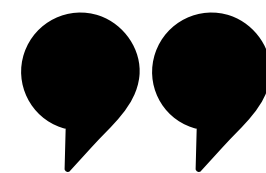




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Elara is a grandmother who loves to travel and try new things. She has a very open and young sense of style. She always tries to keep up with the latest trends and doesn't want to stick to a particular style that she had in the past.

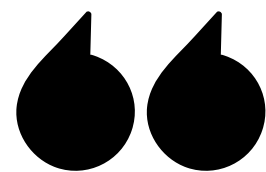


- *Look at Elara's outfit. Do you think she is successful in keeping up with the latest trends?*
- *If you saw Elara like this, would you have a biased opinion because of her age and clothes?*
- *How does Elara come across to you at first sight?*
- *Can a person's appearance like this reflect a rebellious or youthful personality at any age?*

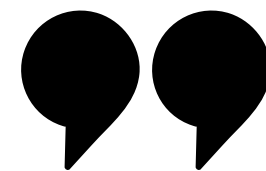




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Chloe is a top student who is really into video gaming. She has a very unique and practical sense of style that is perfect for her long hours of gaming. She prefers to stick to a particular style of comfortable, casual clothes.

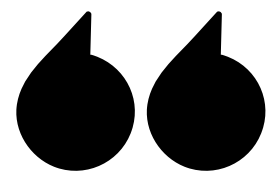


- *Look at Chloe's elegant look. Does it match the text description?*
- *When you think of a gamer, what kind of sense of style do you imagine?*
- *If you saw Chloe like this, what would be your first impression? How does she come across?*
- *Can clothes like this reflect someone's personality if they are actually a competitive gamer?*





Read the short text about the person. Look at the picture provided. Does the text match the person's appearance?



Liam is a very creative person who loves to paint. He has a very unique and colorful sense of style. He wants his clothes to reflect his personality. He is very calm and friendly and always comes across as approachable.

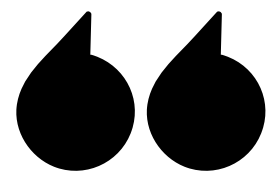


- Describe Liam's sense of style from the picture. Does it match the text?
- If you saw Liam for the first time, would you think he is an artist? Why or why not?
- Do you have a biased opinion about what an artist should look like?
- Is it important for an artist to keep up with the latest trends or should they stick to a particular style?

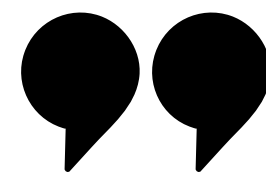




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Robert is a highly respected professor of Ancient History. In the classroom, he is very traditional and serious. However, outside of university, he has a very active lifestyle and a unique sense of style. He hates to stick to a particular style just because of his age.



- *Does Robert's appearance in the photo match your idea of a "History Professor"? Why or why not?*
- *How does he come across to his students when they see him on a skateboard?*
- *Do you think people have a biased opinion about how older people should dress?*
- *Is it possible to keep up with latest trends and be a serious scientist at the same time?*





There are 6 statements below. Choose one and speak about it for exactly one minute.
You must explain why you agree or disagree, using the bold phrase in your talk.

You don't need to spend a lot of money to have a **great sense of style**.

At a job interview, it is more important to **come across as confident** than to be the most intelligent person.

Your shoes and accessories **reflect your personality** better than your words.

It is exhausting and expensive to **keep up with every latest trend**.

Most people have a **biased opinion** about someone who has many tattoos or bright hair.

Successful people usually **stick to a particular style** to save time and energy.

