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1 READING & SPEAKING

- a Think of an older person you know who seems much younger than they actually are. Circle any of the adjectives below that you would use to describe them.

active brave energetic funny glamorous impulsive
independent lively open-minded sociable

- b Describe the person to a partner, and say what they do that makes them seem younger than their age.
- c Look at the photo of Dilys and Sian. Approximately how old do you think they are?

The joy of the age-gap friendship

Modern life makes it hard for the old and the young to meet, and even harder to become best friends. What's the secret?

Dilys on Sian

I met Sian at an event where we were both speakers, and we just clicked. I could see she was just a great person, and smarter than most. She was a glamorous, lively woman, who talked about being an entrepreneur and her love for her father.

She started inviting me to different places. I went to the races with her – not the sort of thing I usually do. She brought fun back into my life when I was working hard to run a charity. The new experiences we share help to keep me alive. When I was sick last Christmas, she really rescued me. She came in like a hurricane, with decorations, firewood... I was feeling sad and afraid, and she told me that wasn't allowed.

"She brought fun back into my life."

Sian's full of energy and warmth. I feel I understand her because she represents my younger self. Mine wasn't a typical path; I always wanted to be a little different. I was a dancer and taught the art of movement. I got married within six weeks, but divorced when my only son was seven. I've got the life I wanted, but it isn't always easy. I try to offer that perspective to Sian.



▲ Dilys and Sian

Sian on Dilys

I met Dilys in Cardiff, where we both live, at an event called Superwoman. We were both invited to speak and were at the same table. Dilys did a lot of charity work with disabled people, as well as being the world's oldest female solo skydiver. I was there to talk about my media marketing company. We hit it off; I thought she was amazing and the way I want to be as I grow older.

We love to sit with take-out food and listen to Mozart. We like movies and the theater. She has a huge amount of energy and can dance for longer than me. She even persuaded me to do a skydive, despite my fear of heights. When we're in a cab, taxi

drivers ask how we met, but we never think of our age gap. She advises me on my love life, work, and how to be a better person.

"She's the way I want to be as I grow older."

I often walk into Dilys's house when I'm stressed and within seconds I'm more relaxed. She calms me down when I'm angry, and teaches me to see things from other people's point of view. Now, she's the first person I call when anything good or bad happens. My family says how much good she does me.

Glossary

the races a series of horse races that happen at one place on a particular day

Adapted from The Guardian

d Now read the article, where each woman talks about how they met and about their relationship. Who are the following sentences true for? Write **S** (Sian), **D** (Dilys), or **B** (both of them).

- 1 ☐ She admires the other person.
- 2 ☐ She cheered the other person up on one specific occasion.
- 3 ☐ She got along immediately with the other person.
- 4 ☐ She has done an extreme sport.
- 5 ☐ She has helped the other person to be more open-minded.
- 6 ☐ She has introduced the other to things she hadn't tried before.
- 7 ☐ She likes cultural activities.
- 8 ☐ She manages an organization that helps people.
- 9 ☐ She runs a company.
- 10 ☐ She's good at giving advice.
- 11 ☐ She's very energetic.
- 12 ☐ She doesn't like being in high places.

e Look at your answers to d. What do you think is the secret of Dilys and Sian's friendship?

f Now look at the photo of Dave and John. What do you think the age difference is between them?



▲ Dave and John

g **C Communication** The joy of the age-gap friendship
A p.107 B p.111 Read about Dave and John and compare what they say about each other.

h Complete some phrases from the four texts. Compare with a partner and explain what they mean in your own words.

- 1 Dilys We just cl_____.
- 2 Sian We h_____ it off.
- 3 Sian We never think of our age g_____.
- 4 Sian She...teaches me to see things from other people's p_____ of v_____.
- 5 Dave I've learned never to t_____ sides.
- 6 John (He loves cars;) I couldn't c_____ less.
- 7 John I l_____ up to him.

i Talk to a partner.

- Are you good friends with anyone who is a lot older or younger than you?
- If yes, how did you meet? Why do you get along well? What kind of things do you do together?
- If no, what advantages do you think there are to having a friend of a different generation?
- Is there a family member from a different generation who you are close to? What do you like about them?



2 **GRAMMAR** using adjectives as nouns, adjective order

a Look at the sentences in 1 and 2 below and decide if you think they are right (✓) or wrong (X). Compare with a partner and say why you think the X ones are wrong.

- 1 a ☐ In general, it's difficult for the old and the young to be good friends.
- b ☐ In general, it's difficult for the old people and the young people to be good friends.
- c ☐ In general, it's difficult for old people and young people to be good friends.
- 2 a ☐ Sian is a lively, dark-haired, Welsh woman.
- b ☐ Sian is a Welsh, lively, dark-haired woman.
- c ☐ Sian is a dark-haired, Welsh, lively woman.

b **G p.135 Grammar Bank 2B**

c Discuss the statements below in small groups. Do you agree? Why (not)?

- Young people don't respect the old as much as they used to.
- Politicians should be at least 40 years old – the young don't have enough experience for such a responsible job.
- Rich people are often less generous than poor people.
- The unemployed should take any job they can. Any job is better than no job.
- The homeless should be allowed to live rent-free in empty second homes.

3 VOCABULARY clothes and fashion

- a Look at the title of an article about fashion. What's your answer to the question?
- b Look at the photo of the Hoppen family and read the article. Complete the **highlighted** phrases with the clothes in the box.

dress jacket jeans sandals
sweater top sneakers

Can the same clothes work for all ages?

It's odd to imagine wearing the same clothes as your 55-year-old mother or even your 80-year-old grandmother, but fashion, it seems, has finally crossed the age divide. "It's not about what you 'should' wear when you're young or old," says designer Emilia Wikstead. "It's about finding the things that really suit you, regardless of your age."



The Hoppen family:
Plum Hoppen (21),
her mother Jenny (60),
her sister Daisy (31)
[= from left to right]

When three women of the same clothing and shoe size live under the same roof, clothes are bound to go missing. "I remember seeing this girl in the park and thinking, 'That's a nice dress; it looks like one of mine,'" says Jenny Hoppen. "And I realized it was Daisy, going to a wedding, wearing my dress and shoes." But even if they borrow from each other, the same piece looks different on them all.

In the photo, they are all wearing the same ¹cropped _____. Plum wears hers with ²a leather _____ and ³patterned _____, but they look just as good on Jenny with ⁴a silk V-neck _____ and ⁵red velvet _____, or on Daisy with ⁶a see-through black _____ worn over ⁷a black turtle-neck _____. "The principle we learned from our mother," says Daisy, "is to have our own sense of style and be adventurous."

- c Whose "look" do you prefer? Do you ever borrow clothes or accessories from people in your family, or friends?
- d **V p.153 Vocabulary Bank Clothes and fashion**

4 PRONUNCIATION vowel sounds

- a **2.21** Look at the pairs of sound pictures below. Put two words from the box in each column. Listen and check.

awful cotton dotted hooded jeans
leather linen long loose patterned
sandals sleeveless slippers suit vest wool

boot	bull	tree	fish
egg	cat	clock	saw

- b **P Sound Bank p.166** Look at the typical spellings for these sounds.
- c **2.22** Listen to some phrases describing clothes. Is anyone in the class wearing them, or something similar?
- d Talk in pairs. What would or wouldn't you wear...?

to a formal interview on the beach
to work or school / college
to a wedding sightseeing in a city

5 LISTENING & SPEAKING

- a Look at the clothes in the photos. What age group do you associate them with?

1	2	3
a cardigan and fur slippers	a leather miniskirt	very short shorts
4	5	
tight jeans and a T-shirt with a slogan	a blazer and chinos	

- b **2.23** Listen to a radio discussion about dressing your age. Match the clothes 1–5 in a to what the journalists say about them, A–F. There is one comment you don't need.

- A "They never suit an older person."
 B "They make younger men look older than they are."
 C "A woman in her 70s looked great in one."
 D "Middle-aged men tend to wear them a lot."
 E "Older people should never wear clothes made of this material."
 F "Your grandma probably won't like them as a present."

- c Listen again and mark the opinions **T** (true) or **F** (false). Correct the **F** ones.

Liza thinks that...

- 90% of women dress younger than their age.
- teenage girls would never dress older than their age.
- it's fine for older women to wear trendy clothes.

Adrian thinks that...

- very few men admit to dressing younger than their age.
- Mick Jagger looks awful in many of the clothes he wears.
- men usually wear a suit and tie to work.

- d In pairs, think about what the journalists said, and try to complete their fashion rules.

Liza Wear whatever you think _____ and makes you _____.
 Adrian Dress for the age _____, not for the age _____.

- e **2.24** Listen to the end of the discussion and check. Who do you agree with more, Liza or Adrian?

- f Work in groups of three, and discuss three of the topics below. Take turns being the host. The host chooses the topic and manages the discussion. Try to use the language from the box.

- People should stop buying new clothes and buy more second-hand and vintage clothes.
- Men are just as interested in shopping for clothes as women.
- These days, nobody is prepared to suffer in order to look good. The most important thing is comfort.
- You can tell a lot about someone's personality from the clothes they wear.
- Cheap fashion means exploiting people in less developed countries.



Managing discussions

Let's start with you, (Liza).
 (Adrian,) what about...?
 Let's go back to...

So, to sum up...
 Can you let (Liza) finish?
 Sorry. Go ahead.


Politely disagreeing

Sorry, but I don't agree.
 True, but...

I'm not sure about that.
 I agree up to a point, but...

6 WRITING

- a Imagine you have decided to sell two items of clothing on eBay. Write detailed descriptions, using the example below as a model. Set a starting price.



Blue and white striped cotton shirt – Size M

Condition: New without tags

"Never worn! Would look great with jeans. Perfect for the summer."

\$12.99

- b Now read some other students' ads. What would you like to bid for?

7 VIDEO LISTENING



- a Watch an interview about the Hiut jeans company. What do you think is the unique selling point (USP) of their jeans?
- b Watch the interview again. Then make notes under the following categories.

Description of jeans

1 Material: *denim*

2 Style:

3 Celebrity wearer:

History of company

4 When David and Clare started it and why:

5 Who they employ:

6 How many pairs of jeans they produce per week:

7 How they try to make their jeans environmentally friendly:

- c Would you like to have a pair of Hiut jeans? Would you be prepared to join the no-wash club? Why (not)?



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adjectives as nouns

- 1 In most African countries, **the young** still look up to **the old**.
The poor are getting poorer, and **the rich** are getting richer.
The government needs to create more jobs for **the unemployed**.
- 2 **The English** are famous for drinking tea.
The Chinese invented paper.
The Dutch make wonderful cheeses.



- You can use *the* + some adjectives to talk about groups of people, e.g.,
- specific groups in society, such as *the young*, *the old* (or *the elderly*), *the sick* (= people who are ill), *the blind*, *the deaf*, *the homeless*, *the dead*.
 - some nationalities that end in *-ch*, *-sh*, *-ese*, and *-ss*, such as *the French*, *the Spanish*, *the British*, *the Japanese*, *the Irish*, *the Swiss*, etc. (most other nationality words are nouns and are used in the plural, e.g., *the Brazilians*, *the Peruvians*, *the Turks*, *the South Koreans*, *the Argentinians*, etc.).
- You can also use adjective + *people* to talk about a group of people, e.g., *poor people*, *homeless people*, *old people*, *Thai people*.
 - To talk about one person, use, e.g., *a Japanese woman*, *a rich man*, etc., **NOT** *a Japanese*, *a rich*.

adjective order

- We have a **charming old** house near the lake.
 She has **long brown** hair.
 I bought a **beautiful Italian leather** belt.

- You can put more than one adjective before a noun (often two and occasionally three). These adjectives go in a particular order, e.g., **NOT** *an old charming house*.
- Opinion adjectives, e.g., *beautiful*, *nice*, *charming*, always go **before** descriptive adjectives, e.g., *big*, *old*, *round*.
- If there is more than one descriptive adjective, they go in this order:

OPINION	SIZE	AGE	SHAPE	COLOR	PATTERN	ORIGIN / PLACE	MATERIAL	NOUN
expensive	little	brand new	long	purple	striped	French	silk	scarf
beautiful						Japanese		car

a Rewrite the underlined phrase using *the* + an adjective.

People from Vietnam enjoy spicy food.
The Vietnamese

- People from the Netherlands tend to be good at languages.
- Clara Barton took care of the people who weren't well during the American Civil War.
- The system of reading for people who can't see is called Braille.
- People from China have a fascinating history.
- Ambulances arrived to take the people who had been injured to the hospital.
- People from Switzerland are usually very punctual.
- The worst season for people without a home is winter.
- There is a discount for people without a job.
- The World War II monument was erected to honor the people who died.
- There are special TV shows for people who can't hear, that use sign language.

b Write the adjectives in parentheses in the correct place. Change *a* to *an* where necessary.

a big parking lot (empty) *a big empty parking lot*

- a man (young / attractive)
- shoes (old / dirty)
- a velvet jacket (black / beautiful)
- a girl (teenage / tall / American)
- a beach (sandy / long)
- a log cabin (charming / old)
- a leather bag (Italian / stylish)
- eyes (huge / dark)
- a dog (black / friendly / old)
- a T-shirt (striped / cotton)

1 DESCRIBING CLOTHES

a Match the adjectives and pictures.

Fit

- ☐ loose /lus/
- ☒ 1 tight /taɪt/

Style

- ☐ hooded /'hʊdəd/
- ☐ long-sleeved /lɒŋ slivd/ (also short-sleeved)
- ☐ sleeveless /'slivləs/
- ☐ turtleneck /'tɜːtl,nek/
- ☐ V-neck /'vi nek/

Pattern

- ☐ dotted /'dɒtəd/
- ☐ patterned /'pætənd/
- ☐ plaid /plæd/
- ☐ plain /pleɪn/
- ☐ striped /straɪpt/

b 2.17 Listen and check.

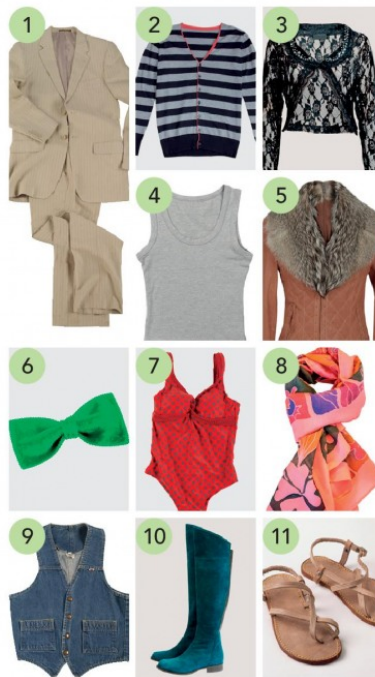
c Match the phrases and pictures.

Materials

- ☐ a cotton undershirt /'kɒtn 'ʌndər,ʃɜːt/
- ☐ a denim vest /'denɪm vest/
- ☐ a fur collar /fɜː 'kɒlə/
- ☐ a lace top /leɪs tɒp/
- ☒ 1 a linen suit /'lɪnən sut/
- ☐ a Lycra swimsuit /'laɪkrə 'swɪmsut/
- ☐ a silk scarf /sɪlk skɑːf/
- ☐ a velvet bow tie /'velvət bou taɪ/
- ☐ a wool cardigan /wʊl 'kɑːdɪɡən/
- ☐ leather sandals /'leðə 'sændlɪz/
- ☐ suede boots /sweɪd buːts/

d 2.18 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Cover the words and phrases. Look at the photos and describe the items.



2 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE CLOTHES AND THE WAY PEOPLE DRESS

a Complete the sentences with an adjective.

casual /'kæʒuəl/ classic /'klæsɪk/
fashionable /'fæʃənəbl/ old-fashioned /əʊld 'fæʃnd/
scruffy /'skrʌfi/

- 1 She always wears _____ clothes to work – she hates dressing formally.
- 2 He looks really _____. His clothes are old and dirty.
- 3 Jane looked very _____ in her new suit. She wanted to make a good impression.
- 4 That tie's a little _____. Is it your dad's?
- 5 I like wearing _____ clothes that don't go out of fashion.

b 2.19 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Say one item you own for each adjective in the box.

3 VERBS AND VERB PHRASES

a Match the sentences.

- 1 ☒ C I'm going to **dress up** tonight.
- 2 ☐ Please **hang up** your coat.
- 3 ☐ These jeans don't **fit** me.
- 4 ☐ That skirt really **suits** you.
- 5 ☐ Your bag **matches** your shoes.
- 6 ☐ I need to **get changed**.
- 7 ☐ Hurry up and **get undressed**.
- 8 ☐ Get up and **get dressed**.
- 9 ☐ That tie doesn't really **go with** your shirt.

- A Don't leave it on the chair.
- B I just spilled coffee on my shirt.
- C I'm going to a party.
- D They don't look good together.
- E It's bath time.
- F They're too small.
- G They're almost the same color.
- H You look great in it.
- I Breakfast is on the table.

b 2.20 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Cover 1–9. Look at A–I and remember the matching sentences.

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