



Warm-up

- What kind of fashion do these people usually wear? Match the styles with the people.

People	Their fashion style
Pop singers	trendy new outfits, lots of jewelry
Golfers	
Businessmen	
Rappers	
Sports fans	
Your best friend	

- Interview a classmate using the questions below.

- What do you like to wear when you go to a party? Why do you like it?
- What kinds of clothes do your parents wear when they go to work?

Fashion

🔊 Read the passage.

🔊 Track 23

Fashion is everywhere. Magazines, television, and movies are full of beautiful people wearing the coolest outfits. People are exposed to fashion every day at home, school, work and in public places. But how does fashion affect our lives?

Fashion allows people to express their personality and interests. This will help you fit in with different social groups and make new friends. Employers are impressed by people who dress professionally. Fashion can make you more confident in yourself. It feels good to look nice and be complimented on your appearance. Someone might even ask you on a date because of your fashion style and added confidence.

Fashion has great potential, but serious problems, too. The fashion industry has often been blamed for society's problems with weight and eating disorders. Companies hire beautiful, skinny women and muscular men to model their clothes. Many people think they must look that way, too.

Some fashion industries do not make clothes for overweight people, further stressing the importance of image and beauty. The most popular clothes are often expensive, which is a big strain on your finances. Some fashion companies exploit workers. They are given low wages and work long hours. They work hard to make us beautiful.

Fashion can be fun and enjoyable. It can also be an unhealthy and expensive burden. It is important to be aware of how fashion affects you and your life.



Comprehension Check

Answer the questions.

1. What does fashion allow people to do?
2. How can fashion help you impress employers?
3. Why has the fashion industry been blamed for society's problems with weight and eating disorders?
4. How do some fashion companies exploit workers?
5. Where are people exposed to fashion?

Vocabulary Check

Complete the sentence with a word from the box.

compliment

exploit

exposed

fit in with

outfits

1. It is wrong to _____ people who are less fortunate than you.
2. I would like to _____ you on your new haircut.
3. The workers were _____ to dangerous chemicals at the factory.
4. Mary has a great sense of fashion and always wears the newest _____.
5. I _____ the music club because I enjoy playing the guitar.

Think About It

Think about the advantages and disadvantages of fashion.

Advantages

- People can express their personality and interests.
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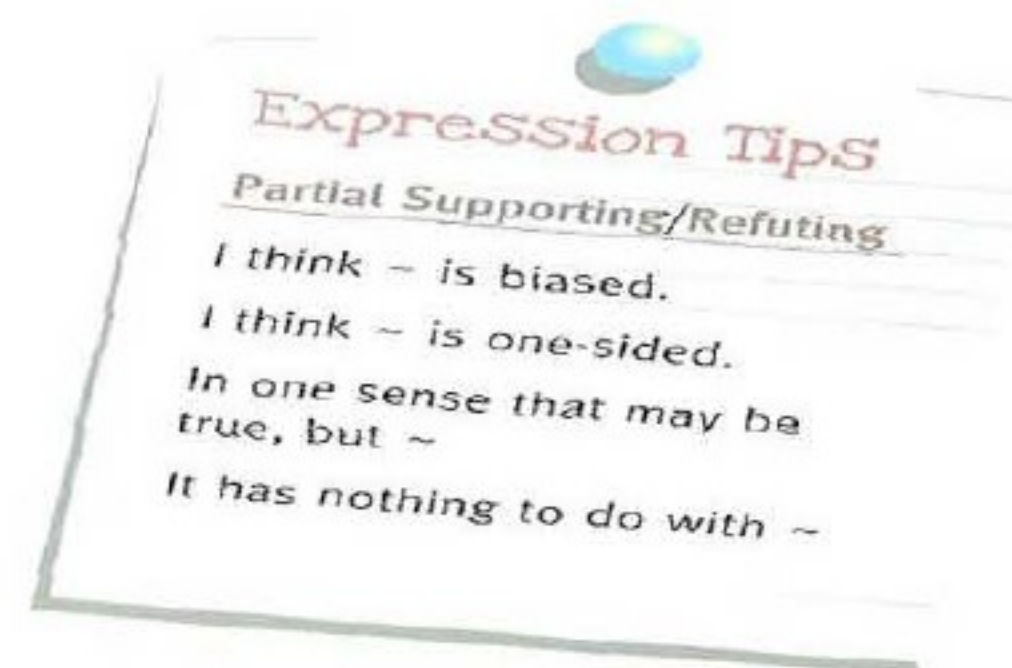
Disadvantages

- Some companies exploit workers.
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Discussion Questions

 Discuss the questions in groups.

1. Is it healthy for young people to diet to look like fashion models?
2. Kids today sometimes dress in very sexy outfits. Should children dress more conservatively?
3. Do you think that fashion advertisements should be banned from the media?
4. Should fashion companies be forced to make their outfits in all sizes? Is it OK for them to make clothes only for skinny people?
5. Should you use fashion to impress your friends?



Choose one statement. Debate the statement in groups.

(One group agrees with the statement, the other group disagree with the statement.)

1. The fashion industry sometimes uses cheap workers from poor parts of the world. Many people consider exploiting workers to be wrong. It should be stopped.
2. Uniforms make everyone look the same. It would be better if people wore uniforms at school and at work.
3. Inner beauty is more important than your appearance.