

Vocabulary

Shirts have **buttons** at the front.

Zippers are used to close different types of clothing. You pull them up to close them.

Belts are often worn around the tops of pants. They're often made from **leather**.

Belts are fastened using a **buckle**, usually made of metal.

Shirts have a **collar** at the top, which goes around the neck.

The parts of clothing that go around the arms are called **sleeves**.

A **tie** – or **neck tie** – can be worn to cover the buttons at the front of a shirt.

To put on a neck tie, you need to tie a **knot** (pronounced like "not") at the top.

A **suit** is a pair of slacks and a **jacket** – usually worn with a shirt and, often, a tie.

Many types of clothing are made of **cotton**, which comes from plants.

Clothing can also be made from **wool**, which comes from sheep.

Jeans are made of a material called **denim**.

A design of lines or shapes – on a neck tie, for example – is called a **pattern**.

Reading 15.2

FASHION

TERM	COMMENT
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">jeans</div>  </div>	<p>The classic blue pants, made of denim, were originally used as work clothing in the late 19th century.</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">shirt</div>  </div>	<p>Shirts made from cotton, with long sleeves, a collar at the neck and buttons up the front, were worn in the Middle Ages as underwear, and also in bed before people started wearing pajamas. The current style of shirt has been popular for over 200 years.</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">tie</div>  </div>	<p>Neck ties, with a knot at the top, are often worn with a shirt and a suit (a jacket and a pair of trousers). The current style of tie – with a variety of colors and patterns – has been popular since the 19th century.</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">belt</div>  </div>	<p>Archeologists have found examples of belts made of leather, with metal buckles, that are 3,500 years old. The basic design is still the same today.</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">zipper</div>  </div>	<p>Zippers are a "modern" mechanism used to fasten clothing. The design used today was invented by Gideon Sundbäck in 1913.</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">fashion designer</div>  </div>	<p>In theory, this is a creative person who produces new designs for clothing. Time for a wakeup call, guys?</p>

15.2 Follow-up

First, read the article in Reading 15.2. Then look at 1–5. Are the sentences true or false? Try to complete the task without looking back at the article.

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| 1 Shirts were worn in the Middle Ages as underwear. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 2 The current style of tie has been popular for over 300 years. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 3 Leather belts have existed for over 3,000 years. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 4 Buttons were invented before zippers. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 5 Zippers existed in the 1800s. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |

Practice Exercise 1

Audio link: <https://www.inlingua.com/audios>

15.2 Listening (Track 56)



The comments in A–C were made by three people after reading the article in Reading 15.2. Complete the transcripts using the clothing words below. Then, listen and check your answers.

belts buckles buttons collars knots pants patterns shirts sleeves sneakers ties zippers

- A "How innovative can you be with clothing? The **1** _____ on a shirt can be long or short, but they can't be longer than your arms. You can't have **2** _____ with three legs. There's a limit."
- B "I suppose **3** _____ are good examples. They're always long, standard-shaped pieces of material, with standard **4** _____ at the top. They always go around your neck, inside the **5** _____ of **6** _____ and cover the **7** _____ at the front, and stop when they reach the **8** _____ on **9** _____. You wonder, how much longer will we have these things? Maybe we'll have to wait until all imaginable **10** _____ have been designed and printed on them. It could take thousands of years."
- C "Velcro's a modern way to fasten clothes, isn't it? It's not like we only have buttons and **11** _____. But I guess Velcro's more popular on **12** _____ than on clothing. Maybe it's because people don't like tearing open their clothes."

Practice Exercise 2

Part A Use the words below to complete the article.

buttons comfortable cotton hard-wearing jackets shoes T-shirts worn

These days, when people say "green clothing", often they don't mean the color of a garment, but how environmentally friendly it is. In recent years, it's become quite fashionable to use recycled garbage to make garments. The most popular material – polyethylene terephthalate (PET) – comes from used plastic bottles.

One of the main uses of PET is for making warm **1** , such as fleeces. Recycled PET fleeces look exactly the same as those made from new polyester, and are just as soft and **2** to wear. The material also provides extremely good thermal insulation. PET can also be mixed with other fabrics, such as **3** , to make garments like **4** . In 2010, Nike produced football shirts for the World Cup that were made using recycled PET. Each garment contained eight recycled bottles. The shirts were very popular with



fans around the world. Nike estimated that total production of the garments used 13 million waste bottles.

Recycled plastic can be used to make clothing fasteners, too, such as plastic **5** . Rubber is another material that's often **6** in recycled form. The soles of **7** and boots can be made out of old tire rubber, which is strong and **8** .

Practice Exercise 3

Recall the vocabulary learnt in key point 15.1 to complete the following.

Part B Look at these sentences from the article above. Which of the words below mean the same as the highlighted words? Fill in the boxes using each word once.

fairly incredibly pretty rather really

1 In recent years, it's become **quite** fashionable to use recycled garbage to make garments.

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2 The material also provides **extremely** good thermal insulation.

3 The shirts were **very** popular with fans around the world.

ANSWERS

Follow up 15.2

1. T
2. F
3. T
4. T
5. F

Practice Exercise 1

- A "How innovative can you be with clothing? The 1 **sleeves** on a shirt can be long or short, but they can't be longer than your arms. You can't have 2 **pants** with three legs. There's a limit."
- B "I suppose 3 **ties** are good examples. They're always long, standard-shaped pieces of material, with standard 4 **knots** at the top. They always go around your neck, inside the 5 **collars** of 6 **shirts** and cover the 7 **buttons** at the front, and stop when they reach the 8 **buckles** on 9 **belts**. You wonder, how much longer will we have these things? Maybe we'll have to wait until all imaginable 10 **patterns** have been designed and printed on them. It could take thousands of years."
- C "Velcro's a modern way to fasten clothes, isn't it? It's not like we only have buttons and 11 **zippers**. But I guess Velcro's more popular on 12 **sneakers** than on clothing. Maybe it's because people don't like tearing open their clothes."

Practice Exercise 2

1. jackets
2. comfortable
3. cotton
4. t-shirts
5. buttons
6. worn
7. shoes
8. hard-wearing

Practice Exercise 3

1. fairly, pretty, rather
2. incredibly
3. really