



Wearing Jeans

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Do most people like to wear jeans?

Do you prefer to wear a certain brand of jeans?

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Do you go to the barber's a lot?

Did you ever feel disappointed with your hairstyle?



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Do you go to the barber's a lot?



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It's funny you should ask, because actually I just started recording my voice recently. My Chinese teacher recommended it as a way to improve my speaking skills, so I record some phrases with a mobile phone app, and then compare my pronunciation with a native speaker recording.



Concentration

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What stops you from concentrating?

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