

## TOPIC 6: CLOTHING AND SHOPPING

### Speaking Part 1

#### Frequently-Asked Questions

- ✓ Do you enjoy buying clothes?
- ✓ What type of clothes do you like to wear?
- ✓ Why do you think jeans are popular?
- ✓ Do you wear different styles of clothes now compared to 10 years ago?
- ✓ Where do you buy your clothes?
- ✓ Did you wear a school uniform when you were younger?

#### Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
ordinary	/ˈɔː.dən.əri/	not different or special or unexpected in any way (bình thường)
out of style		not stylish (không thời trang)
sharp	/ʃɑːp/	fashionable (rất thời trang)
casual	/ˈkæʒ.ju.əl/	not formal or not suitable for special occasions (thường, bình thường)
outfit	/ˈaʊt.fit/	a set of clothes worn for a particular occasion or activity (quần áo)

well-worn	/ˌwel 'wɔːn/	Well-worn clothes have been worn often and are becoming old (quần áo sờn, đã cũ)
sneaker	/ˈsniː.kər/	a type of light, comfortable shoe that is suitable for playing sports (giày thể thao)
loose	/luːs/	(of clothes) not fitting closely to the body (lỏng)
tight	/taɪt/	fitting closely to your body and sometimes uncomfortable (chật)
restricting	/rɪ 'striktɪŋ/	having a certain limit (hạn chế)
appropriate	/ə 'prəʊ.pri.ət/	suitable or right for a particular situation or occasion (phù hợp)
decent	/ˈdiː.sənt/	acceptable, satisfactory, or reasonable (để nhìn, chấp nhận được)
designer (adj)	/dɪ 'zaɪ.nər/	made by a famous or fashionable designer (hàng hiệu)
affordable	/ə 'fɔː.də.bəl/	not expensive (giá phải chăng)
splurge	/splɜːdʒ/	to spend a lot of money on buying goods, especially expensive goods (tiêu xài hoang phí)
break the bank		to cost too much (tốn nhiều tiền)
the norm	/nɔːm/	a situation or type of behaviour that is expected and considered to be typical (chuyện thường)
button-up	/ˈbʌt.ən.ʌp/	used to describe a piece of clothing that fastens with a row of buttons up the front (cài cúc)

dress up	/dres ʌp/	to put on formal clothes for a special occasion (ăn mặc đẹp)
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### Useful sentence structure

✓ I always try to look + adjective.

Ex: I always try to look decent.

✓ The reason why youngsters are really into jeans is + clause

Ex: The reason why youngsters are really into jeans is their affordable price.

✓ I prefer + (type of clothing) because + clause of reason.

Ex: I prefer casual outfits because I feel comfortable when wearing them.

✓ People nowadays tend to shop online because + Noun phrase/ because + clause.

Ex: People nowadays tend to shop online because it's more convenient.

### PRACTICE

**Q1: What type of clothes do you like to wear?**

Suggestions

✓ casual clothes → comfortable

✓ dress up for special occasions

**Q1: What type of clothes do you like to wear? (Sample)**

Well, I prefer casual clothes – simple and comfortable. A pair of jeans and a shirt is perfect for me. I am not really the fashionable type. But of course, I do dress up for special occasions.

**Q2: What kind of clothes do people in your country usually wear?**

### Suggestions

- ✓ depend on weather
- ✓ hot weather: jeans + short pants
- ✓ cold weather: sweaters + overcoats

### Q2: What kind of clothes do people in your country usually wear? (Sample)

Well, I think it depends on the weather. If it's hot, people tend to wear clothes with much lighter fabrics. I mean, a pair of jeans or short pants, and a shirt for men or a blouse for women are common. In contrast, people wear sweaters and overcoats when the weather turns cold.

### Q3: What kind of clothes do you dislike?

#### Suggestions

- ✓ too tight/ loose/ formal clothes
- ✓ restricting → try to look decent

### Q3: What kind of clothes do you dislike? (Sample)

I'm not a big fan of clothes that are too loose, too tight or even too formal. Honestly, wearing such formal clothes is really restricting, and even though for some it is a decent look, I just don't enjoy it.

### Q4: Where do you buy your clothes?

#### Suggestions

- ✓ depend on budget
- ✓ have lots of money: buy designer clothes
- ✓ a little money: shop at flea markets

### Q4: Where do you buy your clothes? (Sample)

Hmm, it depends on my budget. If I have lots of money, I might go to shops and splurge on some designer clothes. On the other hand, if I just have a little money, I might shop at flea markets. You can buy tons of clothes there without breaking the bank.

**Q5: Did you wear a school uniform when you were younger?**

**Suggestions**

- ✓ the norm
- ✓ wear white button-up shirts + black jeans
- ✓ convenient

**Q5: Did you wear a school uniform when you were younger? (Sample)**

Yes, absolutely. Wearing uniform is kind of the norm in Vietnam. Students are often dressed in a white button-up shirt and a pair of black jeans. I really like it since it was convenient and it didn't feel too uncomfortable..

**Speaking Part 2**

**Cue card**

Describe your favorite piece of clothing  
You should say  
where you got it  
when you got it  
how often you wear it  
and explain why it is your favorite piece of clothing.

**Vocabulary**

Word	IPA	Definition
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wardrobe	/'wɔː.drəʊb/	a tall cupboard in which you hang your clothes (tủ quần áo)
second-hand	/'sek.ənd ,hænd/	not new; having been used in the past by someone else (cũ)
unbelievably cheap	/,ʌn.bi'li:.və.bli tʃi:p/	really cheap (rẻ đến kinh ngạc)
ripped	/ript/	(of clothes or fabric) badly torn (sờn rách)
keen on sth	/ki:n/	interested in something (yêu thích)
stylish	/'stai.lɪʃ/	of a high quality in appearance, design, or behaviour (thời trang)
stand out	/stænd aʊt/	to be very noticeable (nổi bật)
fancy	/'fæn.si/	to want to have or do something (yêu thích)
mix and match		change different styles or colours (phối đồ)
heaps	/hi:ps/	a lot of, many (nhiều)
ridiculous	/rɪ'dɪk.jə.ləs/	silly or stupid (ngu ngốc)
denim	/'den.ɪm/	a thick, strong cotton cloth, often blue in colour, used especially for making jeans (vải bò)
trendy	/'tren.di/	modern and influenced by the most recent fashions or ideas (thời thượng, theo xu hướng)

### Useful sentence structure

✓ I bought them for a/ an (adj) price a long time ago.

Ex: I bought them for an affordable price a long time ago.

- ✓ (A type of clothing) is/are so popular, which means all my friends/ classmates are keen on wearing it/them.

Ex: Crop tops are so popular which means all my female classmates are keen on wearing them.

- ✓ There are many obvious reasons why I + clause.

Ex: There are many obvious reasons why I dislike wearing formal clothes.

- ✓ The way people wear (a type of clothing) has changed over the past few years.

Ex: The way people wear hats has changed over the past few years.

- ✓ (A type of clothing) is not my cup of tea.

Ex: Jeans are not my cup of tea.

- ✓ (A type of fabric) is so tough that it can't be torn easily.

- ✓ Ex: Cotton is so tough that it can't be torn easily.

## PRACTICE

Describe your favorite piece of clothing

You should say

where you got it

when you got it

how often you wear it

and explain why it is your favorite piece of clothing.

## Sample

Well, I would like to tell you about my favorite item among all the things I have in my wardrobe - that's my pair of ripped jeans .

You know, I bought them for an unbelievably cheap price a long time ago in a second-hand clothing store. At that point, ripped jeans were really popular and everybody in my school was into wearing them. So, whenever I used to put these jeans on, I felt really stylish and like I

really stood out from the crowd. After a while though, trends started to change, but I refused to abandon my ripped ones.

Actually, it is quite easy to understand why I like these jeans so much. Firstly, they instantly create a stylish and fashionable look for the wearer. Secondly, jeans are easy to mix and match and I can wear them with heaps of different shirts without worrying about looking ridiculous in other people's eyes. And lastly, denim is so tough that it can't be torn, so as a result, I've had them for a long time and saved a great deal of money.

All in all, I love my jeans and cannot get through a day without them. I think such an item should be made trendy again so that the youngsters nowadays can really get to know their awesomeness.

### Speaking Part 3

#### Frequently-asked questions

- ✓ Why women like to go shopping?
- ✓ Do you think it is good for people buy expensive clothes? Why?
- ✓ Why do some people like shopping with friends?
- ✓ Why people like shopping for clothes online?
- ✓ What risks would take when shopping online? Why?
- ✓ What special clothes do people in your country wear on official or formal occasions?

#### Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
the embodiment of sth	/ɪmˈbɒd.i.mənt/	someone or something that represents a quality or an idea exactly (biểu tượng)
indicator	/ˈɪn.dɪ.keɪ.tər/	a sign that shows you what something is like (dấu hiệu)



thriving	/'θraɪ.vɪŋ/	growing, developing, or being successful (đang phát triển)
time-saving	/'taɪm seɪvɪŋ/	that reduces the amount of time it takes to do something (tiết kiệm thời gian)
exclusive	/ɪk'skluː.sɪv/	limited to only one person or group of people (độc quyền)
loyal	/lɔɪəl/	a loyal customer always buys the same product, uses the same store, etc (khách hàng trung thành)
expectation	/,ɛk.spek'teɪ.ʃən/	the feeling that good things are going to happen in the future (sự mong đợi, kỳ vọng)
disturbing	/dɪ'stɜː.bɪŋ/	making you feel worried or upset (khiến bực mình)
profoundly	/prə'faʊndli/	in a way that has a very great effect on somebody/something (mạnh mẽ, sâu sắc)

## PRACTICE

### Q1: Why do women like to go shopping? (Sample)

There are many reasons why women are interested in shopping. First, outfits are visual indicators of personalities. Hence, they want to dress accordingly. Secondly, shopping is also an effective means of relaxation. In modern society, where lots of people are under constant stress every day, indulging in shopping may help the female population to unwind. Last but not least, women don't usually shop for themselves alone, but most of their spending is on family and friends. They want to buy beautiful clothes for their loved ones.

### Q2. Why do people like shopping for clothes online? (Sample)

Online shopping has become a thriving trend in the past few years. To begin with, buying online is incredibly time-saving. Instead of spending hours driving to your favorite shops, your problem can be solved with merely an Internet connection and an exceptional taste in fashion. Secondly, you always have the best deals when subscribing to any online stores, which can save you tons of money even if you don't realise at the time. Some shops also offer exclusive promotions for loyal customers.

### **Q3. What risks do people take when shopping online? Why? (Sample)**

The most common problem is a false advertisement in terms of color, size, or material, which is profoundly disturbing since each person has a unique figure that suits certain pieces of clothing. As a result, you don't actually get what you pay for. Another issue that should be taken in account is that you are more likely to lose your own money when you decide to pay via the Internet. Therefore, you should be careful and selective before making any purchase decision to avoid that terrible experience.

### **HOMEWORK**

#### **Answer the following questions**

Q1: What are the differences in dress style between boys and girls?

Q2: Why do some people like shopping with friends?