

## Topic 3 – FASHION

### 1. Vocabulary

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. <b>Banned</b>  | *B <u>an</u> ned  | 6. <b>Barring</b>     | *B <u>ar</u> ring       |
| 2. <b>Catwalk</b> | *C <u>at</u> walk | 7. <b>Determining</b> | De * <u>ter</u> min ing |
| 3. <b>Ensure</b>  | En <u>su</u> re   | 8. <b>Vomit</b>       | *V <u>om</u> it         |
| 4. <b>In</b>      | * <u>In</u>       | 9. <b>Rigorous</b>    | *R <u>ig</u> or ous     |
| 5. <b>Copy</b>    | *C <u>o</u> py    | 10. <b>Attesting</b>  | At * <u>tes</u> t ing   |

### 2. Definitions and Samples

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
1	<b>Banned</b>	v.	To prohibit especially by legal means < <i>ban</i> discrimination>; <i>also</i> : to prohibit the use, performance, or distribution of < <i>ban</i> a book> < <i>ban</i> a pesticide>	The school <b>banned</b> that book for many years.	Synonyms would be... <i>forbid, bar, interdict, outlaw.</i> Antonyms would be <i>-allow, let, permit</i>	Ban n.
2	<b>Catwalk</b>	n.	The raised structure that models walk along in a fashion show.	It must have been very embarrassing and painful when Naomi Campbell fell on the <b>catwalk</b> ( <i>runway</i> ). <b><u>Naomi Campbell Fall</u></b>	Can also be used for... a narrow structure for people to walk on along a bridge or high up on the side of a building	
3	<b>Ensure</b>	v.	To make sure, certain, or safe (Guarantee)	The airline company took steps to <b>ensure</b> the safety of the passengers.	<i>Insure, assure</i> can be used interchangeably with <i>ensure</i> .	
4	<b>In</b>	Adj.	Extremely fashionable	It seems black tights and sports shoes are the <b>in</b> things to wear now.	<i>In vogue, in season, in fashion</i>	
5	<b>Copy</b>	v.	To model oneself on	She not only <b>copied</b> her clothes, but also her walk. It was a bit odd.	Synonym would be <i>imitate, mimic.</i>	Co py n.

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6	<b>Barring</b>	v.	To interpose legal objection to or to the claim of	He was <b>barred</b> from the pub because he started a fight there last weekend.	Synonymous with <i>ban, forbid, interdict...</i>  Another usage means excluding by exception - No one, <b>barring</b> the magician himself, knows how the trick is done.	Bar n. Set the bar id. Pass the bar id.
7	<b>Determining</b>	v.	To find out or come to a decision about by investigation, reasoning, or calculation <determine the answer to the problem> <determine a position at sea>	They are <b>determining</b> if the suspect should be sentenced or not.	Similar to <i>judge, decide, adjudicate.</i>	
8	<b>Vomit</b>	v.	An act or instance of disgorging the contents of the stomach through the mouth, to spew up/forth.	The dog <b>vomited</b> on the floor.	Synonyms would be <i>barf, gag, heave, hurl, puke, retch, spew, spit up, throw up, chuck...</i>	Vom it n. Vom it er n.
9	<b>Rigorous</b>	Adj.	Scrupulously accurate	We subjected the data to a <b>rigorous</b> analysis.	Synonyms would be <i>severe, harsh, rigid...</i>	Rig or ous ly adv. Rig or ous ness n.
10	<b>Attesting</b>	v.	To authenticate officially	The certificate <b>attests</b> the authenticity of the painting.	Similar to <i>testify, vouch for, avouch...</i>	At tes ta tion n. At test er n.

### 3. Vocabulary Practice

A. Find the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to each word in the left-hand column. Write the letter in the blank.

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| 1) Rigorous ____    | a. throw up     |
| 2) Attesting ____   | b. fashionable  |
| 3) Determining ____ | c. runway       |
| 4) Vomit ____       | d. strict       |
| 5) Ensure ____      | e. imitate      |
| 6) In ____          | f. barred       |
| 7) Barring ____     | g. establishing |
| 8) Catwalk ____     | h. confirming   |
| 9) Banned ____      | i. make certain |
| 10) Copy ____       | j. prohibiting  |

### 4. Listening & Reading (The *MP3* is available online)

Read the passage to review the vocabulary you have learned.

Models under the age of 16 will be **banned** from London's Fashion Week. In addition, all models may soon have to show a health certificate before they are allowed to walk down the **catwalk**. These are the decisions of the Model Health Inquiry that was set up in March by the British Fashion Council to **ensure** models eat healthily. One major concern was how skinny models have become. Super-thin is **in** and experts fear that models are risking their health due to a variety of eating disorders. An unwanted side effect is that teenagers and young women in their twenties and thirties **copy** the looks and shape of size-zero models and put their health at risk. The inquiry is in response to the deaths of two Uruguayan models Luisel Ramos, 22, and her sister, Eliana, 18, who died last year because of poor diets.

The Model Health Inquiry did not recommend **barring** models based on their body mass index (BMI). It said that the BMI - the ratio of weight to height - was "not an accurate method of **determining** health". The inquiry said models could easily make themselves **vomit** to try and beat the tests and get on the catwalk. Other countries have barred models with a BMI of less than 18. The World Health Organization says a BMI of 18.5 is a minimum healthy standard. The report made 14 recommendations, which include random drug tests and a "**rigorous** scientific study" into the extent of eating disorders within the industry. The report also said that from September 2008, models "should provide a medical certificate **attesting** their good health from doctors with expertise in recognizing eating disorders."

## 5. Reading Practice

Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

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| 1. Models under the                    | a. in                               |
| 2. allowed to walk                     | b. of size-zero models              |
| 3. Super-thin is                       | c. minimum healthy standard         |
| 4. models are risking their health due | d. of determining health            |
| 5. copy the looks and shape            | e. down the catwalk                 |
| 6. The Model Health Inquiry did not    | f. scientific study                 |
| 7. not an accurate method              | g. to a variety of eating disorders |
| 8. a BMI of 18.5 is a                  | h. age of 16 will be banned         |
| 9. a rigorous                          | i. attesting their good health      |
| 10. provide a medical certificate      | j. recommend barring models         |

## 6. Phrasal Verbs

These *Phrasal Verbs* are very common in relation to **Fashion**.

Phrase	Meaning	Collocation	Structure	Example
<b>Catch on</b>	To become popular		Inseparable No Object	His designs <b>caught on</b> very quickly. Now everyone is wearing his shoes.
<b>Grow into</b>	To grow big enough to fit clothes that were larger than your size	<b>Pants</b> <b>Shoes</b>	Inseparable Object	It was a little big on him at first, but he soon <b>grew into</b> it and the more he wore it, the more he liked it
<b>Throw on</b>	To put on an item of clothing quickly and without thought.	<b>Jacket</b> <b>Coat</b>	Throw+on+O Throw+O+on Throw+Opr+on	She was in such a hurry she just <b>threw on</b> a few clothes before she left the house.
<b>Go with</b>	To match, suit	<b>Tie/shirt</b> <b>Shoes/dress</b> <b>Blouse/dress</b>	Inseparable Object	Do you think these shoes <b>go with</b> this dress? I'm not sure.
<b>Doll up</b>	To dress up for an event, to put on make-up and clothes that you would not normally wear to go out, to look more attractive.	We can use an idiom here: dolled up/dressed up to the nines = dressed perfectly/smartly	Inseparable No object	She is all <b>dolled up</b> like Marilyn Monroe in her new white halter dress and bright red dress.

## 7. Phrasal Verb Practice

Please put the correct *Phrasal Verb* into the sentence below. Please change the form of the Phrasal Verb if needed.

**Doll up      Throw on      Catch on      Grow into      Go with**

1. I have nothing that \_\_\_\_\_ this shirt. I really need new ties.
2. Why are you all \_\_\_\_\_? Have you got a date?
3. That new product never really \_\_\_\_\_. I mean I have only seen it in one or two stores.
4. I got a hand-me-down from my brother, but it will take me a year or so to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
5. Wait a minute. I'll just \_\_\_\_\_ a coat and I'll be right with you.

## 8. Conversation Strategies

### *Interrupting Someone*

**Excuse me.**

(polite)

**Wait a Minute.**

(Familiar or strong)

Could I say something?

Can I say one thing?

Can I ask something?

But \_\_\_\_\_.

## 9. Conversation Strategy Practice

Choose a topic. Tell your partner about it. Also listen to your partner and interrupt them.

### **Student A:**

1. Tell about a time when someone was angry with you.
2. Tell about a time when you won a prize or sporting event.
3. Tell about your first boyfriend (or girlfriend).
4. Tell about your favorite childhood toy.

### **Student B:**

1. Tell about your best vacation.
2. Tell about what you did yesterday from noon to midnight.
3. Tell about your pet.
4. Tell about your family.

## 10. Idioms

These *Idioms* are very common and they are connected to **Fashion**.

Idiom	Meaning	Situation	Example
<b>Fashion victim</b>	An impolite way of saying that someone buys too many fashionable clothes		She's a total <b>fashion victim</b> . That's the third pair of shoes she's bought this week.
<b>Like it's going out of fashion</b>	If you use something like it's going out of fashion, you use large amounts of it very quickly		Jane spends money <b>like it's going out of fashion</b> .
<b>Buckle down</b>	To make a big effort to do something, to give one's complete attention or effort to do something		Seanan told me to <b>buckle down</b> and get on with my work the other day.
<b>Below the belt</b>	To behave in an unfair and cowardly way.		He told me I was fat yesterday. That was a bit <b>below the belt</b> .
<b>Keep one's shirt on</b>	To keep from losing one's temper or from getting excited, to be calm or patient		<b>Keep your shirt on</b> , it's only a date, it's not like you're getting married or anything.

## 11. Idiom Practice

Please write the correct idiom next to the one-word definition. Thank you.

**Buckle down**      **Fashion victim**      **Keep one's shirt on**

**Like it's going out of fashion**      **Below the belt**

1. Uncool \_\_\_\_\_
2. Work \_\_\_\_\_
3. Quickly \_\_\_\_\_
4. Addict \_\_\_\_\_
5. Relax \_\_\_\_\_