Conversation Questions
Clothes & Fashion

A Part of Conversation Questions for the ESL Classroom.

- About how much money do you spend on clothes a year?
- Do you like shopping for new clothes?
- Do you often buy new clothes?
- Do you prefer to go shopping or just browse? Why?
- Do you think men should be allowed to wear skirts?
- What piece of clothing do you spend your money on the most? Why?
- Do you read fashion magazines?
- Do you sometimes wear a hat?
- Do you think it is important to wear fashionable clothes?
  o (Do you think it is important to be in fashion?)
- Do you wear jewelry?
  o If so, what kind of jewelry do you wear?
  o How often do you wear jewelry?
- Do you wear the same color clothes now that you wore ten years ago?
- Do you wear the same size clothes this year as you wore last year?
- Do you think people feel different when they wear different clothes?
- Have you ever made your own clothes?
  o If so, what did you make?
  o Do you often make your own clothes?
- How many pairs of gloves do you have?
- What are some of the strangest fashions you have seen?
- What colors do you think look good on you?
- What colors do you think look good on your mother?
- What did you wear yesterday?
- What do you think of body piercing?
  o Do you have pierced ears?
  o Do you know anyone with a pierced nose?
  o Would you ever pierce your tongue?
- What do you think of people who dye their hair green?
- What do you think of women who wear high heel shoes?
  o Do you think high heel shoes are bad for a person's health?
- What fashions that you see today do you think will be out of fashion within two years?
- What is your shoe size?
- What kind of clothes are in fashion now?
- What kind of clothes do you usually wear?
- What's the most expensive piece of clothing you have ever bought?
● What's your favorite color for shoes?
● When was the last time you got dressed up?
  o Why?
  o How often do you get dressed up?
  o Do you like to get dressed up?
● Where are some good stores to buy clothes in this area?
● Where do you usually buy clothes?
● Would you like to be a fashion model?
● Questions on Styles, Clothing and Fashion-based Stereotypes
  o What would you think of a women who cut off all her hair and went around bald as a fashion statement?
  o What do you think of a man who is bald for fashion's sake?
  o What do you think of women who wear short mini-skirts?
  o Do you think that the clothes we wear reflect what is inside us?
  o What do you think of people who always and only wear black?
  o What do you think of people with tattoos?
    ■ Do you have a tattoo?
    ■ Do you know someone with a tattoo?
  o What do you think of people with body piercing?
    ■ Do you have pierced ears?
    ■ Would you pierce other parts of your body?
  o What would you think of a high school student who always wore very conservative clothes?
  o What type of clothing do you wear when you are angry and you want to express yourself?
  o What colors do you choose to wear when you are happy?
  o Would you dress the same as you do in your country if you went to America for a visit?
  o Do you dress the same when you are depressed as you do when you are very happy?
    ■ In what ways do you dress differently?
  o If you went out with a group of high school friends, would you dress differently then if you went out with your grandmother and her friends?
  o In what ways does your Grandmother dress differently then you?
  o When you get old do you think you will dress like your grandmother or grandfather?
  o Would you ever wear dreadlocks?
    ■ What do you think of the people who wear them?
  o Have you ever worn your hair braided in small braids.
    ■ Did anyone look at you differently because of it?
  o Would you ever wear contacts to change your eye color?
  o What is the difference in the people who choose to wear contacts and the people who choose to were glasses?
  o What do you think about women who don't wear earrings?
  o What do you think about men who wear earrings?
    ■ What do you think of women who do?
  o Is it possible for women to wear too much make-up?
- When is a person wearing too much make-up?
- What do you think of men who wear make-up?
  - Is it possible to be beautiful without wearing any make-up, earrings or other accessories?
  - Do fashionable clothes really change the way a person looks?
  - What differences have you noticed in the fashions here and in your country?
  - What do you think of men who wear tights?
- What do you think about second-hand clothes?
  - Why do you think people buy second-hand clothes?
  - Have you ever been to a store that sells second-hand clothes?
  - Have you ever bought second-hand clothes?
  - Would you buy second-hand clothes?
- When and where did you buy an article of clothing you're wearing right now? Why did you choose it?
- What would you think if the mother of the groom wore black at a wedding?
  - What would you think if a bride wore red?
  - Should a bride's dress be long or do you think it could be the length of a regular skirt?
- What items of clothing do you consider provocative?
  - (It would be interesting to see if foreigners perceive their own clothing to be provocative or not, but to get them to admit that, the question should be phrased - would it be so in American or Canada, etc.)
  - What do you think of men wearing high heels?
  - What do you think of women wearing high heels?
  - Why is it acceptable for women to wear men's clothing, but not for men to dress in women's clothing?
  - Is there a stigma attached to people who buy no-name (no brand) clothing?
  - Are some people more fashion conscious than others? What types/groups of people?
  - Have you ever bought imitation brand clothing?
  - What traditional costumes do people from your country wear?
    - When do you wear them?
    - Are they comfortable?

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