

Trends in beauty and fashion

1 Speaking: Beauty pageants

a) Do the following internet search and take notes.



[Internet search: child + beauty + pageants + exploitation](#)

b) Make a mind map about beauty pageants for children and group the arguments for and against these competitions.

c) On the basis of your findings prepare a short statement on beauty pageants for children (maximum time two minutes). Your speech should be the opening statement of a public discussion on worrying trends children are exposed to. In your statement, you should:

- describe what beauty pageants are
- talk about the reasons why they are said to be held
- explain what you think of these events and of the explanations behind them
- suggest measures on how to deal with beauty pageants



2 Paired discussion: Fitness trends

a) Choose one of the following fitness trends and research them on the internet.

- AntiGravity Yoga
- Pineapple
- The Krank Cycle

b) Make a wordlist of at least ten structures/phrases/expressions which you could use when discussing these issues.

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c) Find out and write down:

- where you can pursue this activity
- what you need for it
- what the benefits are

d) Find a partner who has **not** chosen the same activity. Together prepare and act out a discussion of the positive and/or negative aspects of the two activities. In your discussion, you should:

- analyse reasons for these activities
- discuss possible negative and/or positive aspects of these activities
- agree on a recommendation for people who are not used to such activities

3 A quiz: Clothes and things we wear

Vocabulary: Do the following internet quiz by clicking on the correct answers. You can do the quiz more than one time.



[Internet vocabulary quiz: Clothes and things we wear](#)

4 Reading and writing: The history of jeans

a) Read at least one article about the history of jeans on the internet.



[Internet search: The history of jeans](#)

b) You have been asked by the editors of a fashion and lifestyle magazine for young people to write a short **article** on the history of jeans, one of the most popular pieces of clothing. Use all the words from the previous exercise to write this text.

In your article, you should:

- describe who invented the first jeans
- analyse their benefits and/or shortcomings
- give a brief outline of the history of jeans
- explain why they have become so popular.

Write an **article** of about **200 words**. Give your article a **title**.

d) Add pictures to your article and print it out.

5 Watching a video/Poster: Sustainable fashion

a) Watch the following video and take notes of the texts on the slides you will see.



[Sustainable fashion: Trend or movement?](#)

b) Answer the following questions:

- How can sustainable fashion best be described?
- Why is it so important?
- Who is affected by this development?
- Which other aspects are mentioned in the talk?
- How important is it for you?



c) Design a poster for your classmates on which you promote sustainable fashion. Use at least one of the texts from the slides in the video.