

Task 1 Picture Consequences

Listen to your teacher to play a game

Task 2 Agree or disagree?

Work in pairs and discuss whether you agree or disagree with these statements.

- What you wear says a lot about your personality.
- I spend a lot of time getting dressed in the morning.
- I love buying new clothes.
- I really don't care about what I wear.
- Comfort is the most important thing when choosing new clothes or shoes.
- I hate having the same clothes as my friends.
- It's important to me to look different to my friends.
- I love fashion magazines.
- It's important for me to be fashionable.
- Second hand clothes can be cool.

Task 3 Individual style – Reading task

Before reading the text answer these questions.

- Do you like standing out from the crowd?
- Do you have a favourite T-shirt?
- Have you ever bought second-hand clothes?
- Have you ever made your own clothes?

Individual style We're living in a big business, consumer society which means so many of the clothes on the high street look the same, so how do young people keep their individual style?

Stand out from the crowd Young creative people in the UK have always come up with ways to express their individuality through their clothes: from punks who cut up their clothes and add zips and safety pins, to baby Goths and skaters who buy chains from hardware shops to hang from their trousers. With punk it was a statement, but it can often be because shops aren't selling the item you want or to save money.

Customised T-shirts Printing your own T-shirt is the easiest and most common way to customise clothes. Instead of making them from scratch you can buy a cheap T-shirt and add an image of your choice.

'I did once make a T-shirt using a T-shirt, a computer and one of those iron-on kits. Slogan T-shirts can be a cheap way to be individual. My mate Simon did a very cool T-shirt with a morphed picture of Cher and Che Guevara (Cher Guevara).' John, 25, Cheshire.

Student style Aylish, a young Goth from Suffolk, recently made her own clothes to get an individual style: 'I bought a second hand T-shirt and skirt, added raggedy strips of material in red and black. I also got some lacey material and made long gloves with fingers.' Aylish, 15, Orford.

'I used to make clothes when I was a student ... I remember once finding trousers I couldn't afford... I used my address book as a ruler and then did a little sketch. I found the same colour fabric and then went back to the shop wearing them to see how close I was. Actually they were better than the ones in the shop as they weren't as baggy and fitted better... I loved it when people didn't believe I had made them myself... Corrine, 31, Dundee

Helen, 26 from Nottingham comments 'I like to make my own clothes because I know that I can adapt funky old patterns and make things from cool fabrics and best of all be sure that they will fit. I really love using second hands clothes and changing them by adding bits, shortening them or even just changing the buttons. There's always really great stuff in the shops but by making clothes yourself you can be sure you will always have something original.'

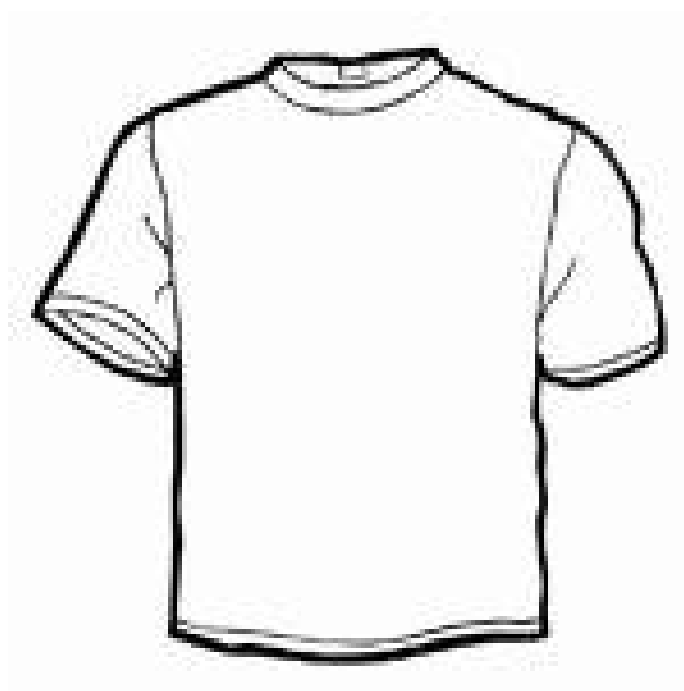
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Glossary

Baby Goths – a term sometimes used for the new younger generation of Goths.

Task 4 Design a t-shirt competition

Design your T-shirt here.



Task 5 Style awards

You and your group are judges to select celebrities for style awards. Look at the pictures your teacher gives you and decide which celebrity you would choose for these awards.

	Male	Female
The best dressed		
The worst dressed		
The most originally dressed		
The best hairstyle		
The worst hairstyle		
The most fashionable		
The least fashionable		