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Vocabulary: fashion 词汇: 时尚

"I have nothing to wear!" You might have said to yourself, feeling slightly distressed, wardrobe door wide open, hours before going to a party or important event. **Casual** or **formal**? Is this too **flamboyant**? Should I look more **demure**?

How strictly should we follow fashion rules? 'Never mix **patterns**' is one of them. Clashing **prints** might make Coco Chanel **spin in her grave** but gets **the seal of approval** of some stylists nowadays.



Wear whatever you like with confidence!

"It's **edgy**," says Martine Alexander, adviser to British TV actresses. "Matching everything makes you look like you've tried too hard. Style should look **effortless**."

Well, just be careful not to make people's eyes **go funny** when they look at you, I say.

Men have the issue of white socks. "Unless you're exercising there is absolutely no appropriate moment to wear white socks," says Alex Bilmes, editor of the men's magazine Esquire. And he adds: "These types of rules exist to make sure fashion innocents don't make such a bad mistake."

We all know that white socks are usually **bulky** and may look cheap. But there's a long British tradition of men wearing socks with sandals so... Maybe critics should **put a sock in it** and let us wear what we are comfortable with.

When you look a particular way you are sending a message about yourself. It's not a good idea to go to a job interview wearing shorts or showing too much **cleavage**. Or going to the market in your **pyjamas**. But, whatever you wear, do it with confidence.

Designer Gianni Versace said it all: "Don't be into **trends**. Don't make fashion own you, but you decide what you are, and what you want to express, by the way you dress and the way you live."

词汇表

casual	休闲的
formal	正式的
flamboyant	艳丽的
demure	端庄的
pattern	图案, 格调
print	印花布
to spin in her grave	震惊
the seal of approval	赞许
edgy	前卫的, 时尚的
effortless	毫不费力的
to go funny	发出奇怪的眼神
bulky	(袜子) 肥厚的
to put a sock in it	(不礼貌地) 闭上嘴
cleavage	(乳) 沟
pyjamas	睡衣
trends	(时尚) 潮流, 趋势

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. True or false? *Coco Chanel is famous for disliking matching patterns.*
2. According to stylist Martine Alexander, what's the key thing about having style?
3. Who is the editor of the men's magazine *Esquire* referring to when he says "fashion innocents"?
4. Does the author think people should wear white socks whenever they like?
5. What did Gianni Versace mean when he said: "Don't make fashion own you"?

2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Go and change, my son. Your granny's funeral is not the place for wearing _____ clothes.

formal	edgy	casual	bulky
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2. I shouldn't have eaten yesterday's leftovers. My stomach is _____.

spinning in its grave	going funny	effortless	trying too hard
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3. Your hat looks like... a lobster. That's a very _____ hat!

demure	formal	casual	flamboyant
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4. When going for a job interview you should choose formal clothes. Why don't you wear _____?

your pyjamas	a suit	white socks	cleavage
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5. My coat doesn't fit. This sweater is very _____.

bulky	edgy	cheap	traditional
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答案

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. True or false? *Coco Chanel is famous for disliking matching patterns.*

False. According to the article, the late French designer disliked clashing prints.

2. According to stylist Martine Alexander, what's the key thing about having style?

The British stylist says it has to look effortless.

3. Who is the editor of the men's magazine *Esquire* referring to when he says "fashion innocents"?

He is referring to people he thinks are too naive and ignorant when it comes to what is fashionable and wear things the editor finds unfashionable.

4. Does the author think people should wear white socks whenever they like?

Yes. The author suggests that people who criticise those who like to wear white socks, even when not exercising, should be quiet.

5. What did Gianni Versace mean when he said: "Don't make fashion own you"?

The late Italian designer meant that people should not feel obliged to follow fashion trends. They should wear what they like.

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