

## Teenage life

### 1 Reading

Read the interviews with two teenagers below. Do you dress like either of them?

### ● EXTREME FASHIONS ●

*Dan, also known as Misery Shadow, is 16 years old and a goth. He comes from Seattle in the U.S.*

**Q Can you describe to me what you are wearing?**

**A** I'm wearing black, baggy trousers, a black Marilyn Manson T-shirt, and black boots. I'm also wearing black eyeliner, black nail varnish, and black lipstick.

**Q When did you start dressing like this?**

**A** I started wearing black, baggy trousers with a friend at school when I was 14. We saw some goths hanging around, and they looked really cool with white faces and black makeup, so I saved up my allowance and bought eyeliner and lipstick.

**Q What do your parents think?**

**A** My parents don't really like me wearing these clothes, but they don't stop me. I can't wear makeup when we go out as a family, though. I changed my name to Misery Shadow, but my parents and teachers still call me Dan.

**Q Do you spend a lot of money on your clothes?**

**A** No. I don't have many clothes, and when I do need to buy something, I usually get it from a thrift store.

*Yumi is 15 years old and comes from Hiroshima, Japan. She is a "ganguro girl" which means "black face girl" because she has a very dark suntan.*

**Q Can you describe to me what you are wearing?**

**A** I'm wearing a pink miniskirt with a matching pink top and knee-high, suede platform boots. I am wearing false eyelashes, white eye shadow, some glitter on my cheeks, and pink lipstick.

**Q When did you start dressing like this?**

**A** About a year ago. My best friend started to dress like this and I thought she looked really cool.

**Q What do your parents think?**

**A** My mother thinks it is awful. She doesn't like the way I look or dress. I like to have a dark suntan, but most Japanese women like to have very pale skin. When I colored my hair blond a couple of months ago, my parents wouldn't speak to me for three days!

**Q Do you spend a lot of money on your clothes?**

**A** Yes. I love shopping for clothes and makeup. And I spend a lot of money at the hairdresser's.



## 2 Comprehension

Write *Yumi* or *Dan* at the beginning of each sentence. Two sentences are true for both teenagers.

- 1 ..... likes to wear bright colored clothes.
- 2 ..... 's parents don't like what he/she wears.
- 3 ..... likes to have a suntan.
- 4 ..... wears black clothes.
- 5 ..... spends a lot of money on clothes.
- 6 ..... likes to wear makeup.
- 7 ..... doesn't buy a lot of clothes.
- 8 ..... started wearing these clothes two years ago.

## 3 Vocabulary

Match the words 1–8 with their definitions a–h.

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| 1 baggy           | a you use this to paint your finger nails different colors |
| 2 eyeliner        | b these go up to your knees                                |
| 3 false           | c a place where you can buy cheap, second-hand things      |
| 4 nail varnish    | d your parents give you this to spend or save              |
| 5 allowance       | e two things that go together                              |
| 6 thrift store    | f big and shapeless (clothes)                              |
| 7 knee-high boots | g something that is not real, for example, "... teeth"     |
| 8 matching        | h you use this to draw a line around your eyes             |

## 4 Speaking

Ask your partner the questions from the interviews in the magazine.

## 5 Writing

Write an interview about an extreme fashion in your country.  
Use the interviews in exercise 1 to help you.