

Teenage life

1 Reading

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

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Dan, also known as Misery Shadow, is 14 years old and a goth. He comes from Oxford in the UK.

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 12. In town we saw some goths hanging around and they looked really cool with white faces and black make-up so we saved up our pocket money 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 make-up 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 charity shop.

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 dyed 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 make-up. And I spend a lot of money at the hairdresser's.

2 Comprehension

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

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

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3 Vocabulary

Match the words to the definitions.

baggy	You can use this to paint your finger nails different colours.
eyeliner	These go up to your knees.
false	A place where you can buy cheap, second-hand things.
nail varnish	Your parents give you this to spend or save.
pocket money	Finding two things that go together.
charity shop	You use this word to say that your clothes are too big for you.
knee-high boots	Something that is not real, for example, '... teeth'.
matching	You can 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 a short article about an extreme fashion in your country. Use the article on page 1 to help you.