

4B Fashion and shopping

1 READING

- a With a partner, write down the names of three fashion designers. What nationality are they? Do they design more for men or for women? What kind of things does their company make?
- b Read the introduction to an interview and look at the photos. Do you like the clothes?

- c Read the interview. Complete the gaps with A–F.

- A I absolutely hated dressing as a man.
B I really understand how women want to feel.
C My boyfriend at that time was very lucky.
D My feet were killing me!
E The only things I enjoyed there were art and sewing.
F They are so chic, and their sense of colour is so natural to them.

- d Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases related to fashion and shopping, and guess their meaning.

THE STYLE INTERVIEW

LINDKA CIERACH is a fashion designer. She makes very exclusive clothes for women. She has made clothes for many celebrities including members of the British royal family, for example Kate Middleton and Sarah Ferguson, whose **wedding dress** she designed, and actresses like Helen Mirren.

DID YOU ALWAYS WANT TO BE A DESIGNER?

Not at all! When I was at school I had problems reading, and later I was diagnosed as dyslexic. ¹ After school I did a secretarial course and then I got a job at Vogue magazine. I loved it, and there I realized that what I wanted to do was design clothes.

WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE LIKE YOUR CLOTHES?

Being a female designer has many advantages. ² My **customers** leave the studio feeling a million dollars!

WHAT NATIONALITY DO YOU THINK HAS THE BEST FASHION SENSE?

Probably the Italians. ³

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A FANCY DRESS PARTY?

I hate fancy dress parties. But I can remember one, when I was ten.

WHAT DID YOU GO AS?

My mother made me and my younger sister dress as a bride and bridegroom – I was the bridegroom! ⁴

HAVE YOU EVER MET SOMEONE WHO WAS WEARING EXACTLY THE SAME AS YOU?

Never, thank goodness!
I'm lucky because I can choose from a large selection of our Collection each season!



HAVE YOU EVER FALLEN OVER BECAUSE YOU WERE WEARING VERY HIGH HEELS?

I've never fallen over, but once I had to **take off** my shoes in the middle of a reception at the House of Lords! ⁵

WHAT DID YOU DO?

I walked out into the street **in bare feet** and jumped into a taxi!

HAVE YOU EVER DESIGNED CLOTHES FOR A MAN?

Yes, I have.

WHEN WAS IT?

It was when I was studying at the London College of Fashion. I designed my first Men's Wear collection – shirts, trousers and **leather** jackets. ⁶ He didn't need to buy any clothes that year!

Glossary

bride / bridegroom a woman / man on the day of her / his wedding
The House of Lords the second house of the British Parliament



2 GRAMMAR

present perfect or past simple? (1)

- a Look at the last four questions in the interview. Answer with a partner.

- Which questions are about experiences sometime in Lindka's life?
- Which questions are about a specific moment in Lindka's past?
- What does *ever* mean in the questions that begin *Have you ever...*?

- b ➤ p.132 Grammar Bank 4B. Learn more about the present perfect and past simple and practise them.



3 LISTENING

- a (2 26)) Listen to four people answering the question *Have you ever bought something that you've never worn?* What did they buy? Write 1–4 in the boxes. (There is one item you don't need.)

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| ☐ a coat | ☐ some sports clothes | ☐ a skirt |
| ☐ some trousers | ☐ a shirt | |

- b Listen again. What was the problem with the clothes? Write 1–4 in the boxes.

This person...

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| ☐ bought something online, but didn't like the clothes when they arrived. |
| ☐ bought the clothes too quickly and later didn't like them. |
| ☐ wanted to look like a famous singer, but looked like another. |
| ☐ suddenly didn't need the new clothes any more. |

- c Have you ever bought something that you've never worn? What was it?

4 VOCABULARY shopping

- a (2 27)) Listen to some sentences from the listening. Complete the gaps with one word. With a partner, say what the highlighted phrases mean.

- I remember when I was in **the** _____ **room** I thought they looked fantastic.
- I _____ **it on eBay**.
- I hate clothes shopping and I **never** _____ **things on**.
- I didn't have the receipt, so I **couldn't** _____ **it back**.
- Well, I **bought it** _____ from a website that has cheap offers.

- b ➤ p.155 Vocabulary Bank Shopping.

5 PRONUNCIATION c and ch

- a How is *c* pronounced in these words? Put them in the right row.

account auction cinema city click
clothes credit card customer proceed
receipt shopping centre



key



snake

- b (2 30)) Listen and check. When is *c* pronounced /s/?
- c (2 31)) How is *ch* usually pronounced? Listen and circle the two words where *ch* is pronounced differently. How is it pronounced in these words?

changing rooms cheap checkout
chemist's chic choose

- d Practise saying the words in a and c.

6 SPEAKING

- a Complete the questions with the past participle of the verb.

- Have you ever** _____ (buy) or _____ (sell) anything on eBay? What? Did you pay or get a good price?
- Have you ever** _____ (buy) something online and had a problem with it? What was it? What did you do?
- Have you ever** _____ (have) an argument with a shop assistant? What was it about?
- Have you ever** _____ (try) to change something without the receipt? Were you successful?
- Have you ever** accidentally _____ (take) something from a shop without paying? What did you take? What happened?
- Have you ever** _____ (buy) shoes without trying them on? Did they fit?
- Have you ever** _____ (get) to the supermarket checkout and then found you didn't have enough money? What did you do?
- Have you ever** _____ (lose) your credit card? Where did you lose it? Did you get it back?

- b Ask other students question 1. Try to find somebody who says *Yes, I have*. Then ask them the past simple questions. Do the same for questions 2–8.