

## LISTENING SKILLS

Labelling a map or plan

## SPEAKING SKILLS

Part 2: Describing an arts or media event

Using cleft sentences

Talking about likes and preferences

## PRONUNCIATION

Sentence stress

## EXAM LISTENING

Section 2



## Topic talk

- 1 Look at the pictures and answer the questions below.
- Do you follow the latest trends in fashion, music and technology?
  - How important is looking fashionable to you?
  - Do you have similar tastes to your friends and family?
  - Which of the fashions opposite would you prefer? Why?
- 2 Decide which adjective in the box best matches the descriptions (a–g) below.

classic ■ conservative ■ contemporary ■ functional  
mainstream ■ over the top ■ retro ■ unique

## Example

He prefers modern over traditional and follows the latest trends. contemporary

- He likes wearing fashions from the sixties and seventies.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I'm not sure I like her fashion sense – it's a little too dramatic and exaggerated for my taste. \_\_\_\_\_
- I prefer simple, well-cut clothes that don't go out of fashion.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My parents are a little old-fashioned in their taste; they prefer traditional, plain designs. \_\_\_\_\_
- I always think Italian women have a very distinctive style, unlike any other. \_\_\_\_\_
- Nowadays it seems that almost everyone owns a least one pair of jeans.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The design of the house is simple and practical but not particularly attractive. \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Choose two nouns from the box below which collocate with each of the adjectives in 2. Some of the adjectives may collocate with more than two nouns.

a car ■ a design ■ a film ■ a haircut ■ fashion ■ music ■ an outfit ■ a room



4 Which of the adjectives in 2 best describes the following?

- a the design of your house/flat \_\_\_\_\_
- b the style of some of your family members \_\_\_\_\_
- c your taste in fashion \_\_\_\_\_
- d the style of your favourite actor or singer \_\_\_\_\_
- e the design of your workplace or place of study \_\_\_\_\_

5 Match each category (1–9) with the list of examples (a–i).

1 architecture	a a stand-up comedian, an opera, a ballet, a stage play
2 fashion	b a catwalk model, a designer label, a high street trend, a fashion designer
3 music	c a best-selling paperback, a classic novel, an historical biography, a collection of poetry
4 literature	d e-reader, a podcast, an internet blog, a social networking site
5 film	e an oil portrait, a watercolour landscape, a sculpture, an abstract painting
6 visual arts	f a new release, a blockbuster, an art-house movie, a foreign language film
7 performing arts	g a broadsheet newspaper, a tabloid, a current affairs programme, a weekly magazine
8 traditional media	h a top ten hit, choral music, an orchestral piece, a cover version
9 new media	i high-rise apartments, a high-tech skyscraper, a building of historical interest, a slum

6 Think of some specific examples for some of the words in 5 and tell your partner.

*Example*

*an opera: La Traviata*

7 Complete the sentences below with an appropriate preposition. Some of the prepositions may be used more than once.

about ■ for ■ in ■ of ■ on ■ over ■ than ■ to

- a I'm not keen \_\_\_\_\_ choral music.
- b I am quite passionate \_\_\_\_\_ designer labels.
- c I can see the attraction \_\_\_\_\_ abstract art but it doesn't appeal \_\_\_\_\_ me at all.
- d I'm not a big fan \_\_\_\_\_ high street fashion.
- e I have a preference \_\_\_\_\_ classic novels \_\_\_\_\_ more contemporary ones.
- f I feel quite indifferent \_\_\_\_\_ most sculpture.
- g I have quite traditional tastes \_\_\_\_\_ music.
- h I would much rather watch an art-house film \_\_\_\_\_ a blockbuster.
- i I'm quite fond \_\_\_\_\_ ballet but don't care much \_\_\_\_\_ opera.
- j Tablets and e-readers are very much \_\_\_\_\_ fashion at the moment.

8 Which of the examples in 5 do you see, listen to or use regularly?

Use the language in 7 to explain how you feel about them.