Starting young

When did you start to *go* interested in clothes? When you were at school, *on* your teens or much younger? It’s not unusual for children to become fashion-conscious at an *early* age. Most under-fives have a fairly clear idea of what they like to *wear* and what colours they want. Most often this is because of what their friends have or what they see in films or on TV. However, it looks *like* though one little girl in the USA has gone a step further. Four-year-old Mayhem has started to design her own clothes.

According to her mother, Angie, Mayhem decided that she didn’t like the princess dresses in the stores and started to make her own from cotton *scars* and sheets of paper. Angie gave her pictures of celebrities wearing *good-looking* dresses at award shows and Mayhem copied them. Now she has her own ideas and an important fashion chain *likes* them a lot.

Does Mayhem *look* after her mum? Not at all! Angie says that she herself is completely unfashionable and nowhere near as *arrogant* as her daughter. Watch out for Mayhem’s new fashion line next spring!

**Multiple-choice cloze**

1 For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning.

0 A go \(\text{B} \text{get}\) C find D take
1 A on B at C in D by
2 A young B early C mature D childish
3 A wear B carry C dress D resemble
4 A like B as C for D so
5 A scarves B trainers C bangles D caps
6 A fashion B good-looking C designer D well-dressed
7 A look B take C pass D get
8 A arrogant B caring C creative D immature

**TIPS:**

Question 1: You need the preposition that makes an expression with the words after the gap.

Question 3: Look at the words before and after the gap. Only one of the options completes the phrase.

Question 6: Which of the words collocates with dresses?
WORD STORE 1A
Clothes and accessories

Formal clothes
1 a suit, 2, 3, 4

Casual clothes
5 shorts, 6, 7, 8, 9

Shoes and accessories
10 bangles, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

WORD STORE 1B
Verb phrases to do with clothes
1 get dressed = put your clothes on
2 ________ = take your clothes off
3 ________ = take your clothes off and put different clothes on
4 ________ = clothes are the right size for you
5 ________ = clothes are the right colour, shape or style for you
6 ________ = clothes go well with your hair, eyes or other clothes

WORD STORE 1C
Synonyms – appearance and personality
1 GOOD-LOOKING, attractive, cute, gorgeous
2 VERY NICE, popular, adorable, ________
3 COOL, elegant, sophisticated, ________
4 CHILDISH, ________
5 CREATIVE, ________
6 BRAVE, ________
7 CHEEKY, ________

WORD STORE 1D
Relationship phrases
1 be there for sb = be reliable
2 get ______ well = have a good relationship
3 fall ______ = have an argument
4 have a lot ______ common = have similar interests
5 lose touch ______ sb = stop seeing sb
6 hang ______ with sb = socialise with sb

WORD STORE 1E
Compound adjectives – appearance
blue-eyed dark-haired dark-skinned
fair-haired good-looking
left-handed pale-skinned red-headed
short-sighted well-built

Hair
short-haired, long-haired, 1 fair-haired, 2, 3

Eyes
brown-eyed, 4, 5

Skin
lighter-skinned, 6, 7

General appearance
middle-aged, well-dressed, 8, 9

Other
right-handed, 10

WORD IN FOCUS

look + at/for = focus your attention to see or find sth
Look at me!
I’m looking for a festival programme.

look as a noun
the ‘festival look’ = the ‘festival style’

look + adjective = have a particular appearance
Your T-shirt looks great!
She looks so glamorous!

look in phrasal verbs
look after sb/sth = take care of sb/sth
look out! = be careful!
look sth up = find information in a book/online/in a dictionary

look + like + noun = have a similar appearance to sb/sth
Who do you look like?
It looks like a word in my language.

look + as if/as though + clause = suggest an appearance or situation is because of sth
It looks as though they are in a changing room.
She looks as if she is asking the man something.