

# The Shopaholic

Shopping and Fashion

## 1/Dialogue: Annie and Eun Mi talk about what they're going to wear to a party tonight.

- Eun Mi: I think I'm going to wear these bellbottoms to the party tonight. How do they look?  
Annie: Wow. They look great on you. They're really hip.  
Eun Mi: You really like them?  
Annie: Yes. They go great with your platforms and turtleneck. Where did you get them?  
Eun Mi: At a little second hand shop near E-dae.  
Annie: Do you mind if I ask how much you paid for them?  
Eun Mi: Not at all. I got them on sale for 25,000 won.  
Annie: Not bad.  
Eun Mi: Yeah. They were half price. When I saw them, I just had to have 'em.  
Annie: I don't have a thing to wear to the party tonight.  
Eun Mi: What do you mean you don't have anything? You buy cool clothes every week!  
Annie: No I don't. I just like to go window-shopping.  
Eun Mi: Whatever! Your credit card is always over the limit.  
Annie: I know. I guess I'm a shop-aholic.  
Eun Mi: You can say that again.  
Annie: Anyway, let's go to a boutique in Myungdong and find something funky for me to wear tonight.  
Eun Mi: Okay. Let's go.

## Language Notes

**bellbottoms** = pants or jeans that have extra wide openings at the bottom.

**Hip/Cool** = when used to describe clothes, cool or hip mean stylish or trendy.

**goes great with** = matches or suits something well.

**Platforms** = women's shoes with high, wide heels that make you look taller.

**Turtleneck** = a sweater with a long neck that goes up to the chin.

**Second hand shop** = a shop that sells old or used clothing.

**Half price** = 50 % discount off the full price.

**Whatever** = "I don't believe you" or "What you are saying is nonsense."

**Over the limit** = when you charge more than is allowed by your bank.

**Shop-aholic** = someone who is addicted to shopping.

**You can say that again** = "I really agree with you."

**Boutique** = a small clothing shop for women.

**funky** = wild and colorful clothes

**Extra Practice:** *Circle the adjectives that describe clothes and try to write some others that you know.*

## Konglish Alert

**Eyeshopping** = windowshopping

**Department** = department store

**Super** = Supermarket, grocery store

**y-shirt** = dress shirt

**one piece** = dress

**two piece** = skirt and matching top

## Culture Box: Types of Stores

Besides department stores, there are many other kinds of stores to shop for clothing.

**Outlet** = In the U.S., an outlet is a store that sells only one brand of clothing at a discount. Usually many outlet shops of different brands are located together in the outskirts of big cities on major highways.

**Shopping Mall** = A large indoor building that contains a couple of department stores, a food court, and dozens of small shops of all kinds under one roof.

**Discount Store** = large stores that sell many different brands of many different kinds of products at a discount. Examples include WalMart, K-Mart, etc. In Korea, E-Mart is a good example.

Shopping places like *Migliore* and *Mesa* and markets like *Namdaemun* and *Tongdaemun* don't exist in North America.

## 2/Drills

*Drill 1: Practice the following drill complimenting someone on their clothes.*

<u>plural</u>	<u>singular</u>
A: How do you like my new <b>shoes</b> ?	<b>(shirt)</b>
B: Wow. They <b>look great on you</b> . Where did you get them?	<b>(It looks) (get it?)</b>
A: I got them at <b>Hyundai Department Store</b> .	<b>(got it)</b>
B: Do you mind if I ask how much <b>you paid for them</b> ?	<b>(paid for it?)</b>
A: No. They were <b>20,000 won</b> .	<b>(It was..)</b>

Now practice again using some of the following expressions. Talk about your partner's clothes.

## Compliments

...look(s) great on you.

...look(s) great with your **dress**

...really match(es) your dress

*Drill 2: Using the words below, look at pictures of models in magazines and describe what they are wearing.*

Patterns	colors	Materials
striped	red, blue, green, black, pink, white, clear	Cotton
polka dotted	purple	Wool
solid	camel	Leather
plaid	navy	Silk
checked	olive	Polyester
pinstriped	baby blue	Denim
paisley	charcoal	Fleece
floral	khaki	suede
tie-dyed	beige	linen

**3/Writing** Work alone and answer the following questions about the dialog.

1. What is Eun Mi going to wear to the party? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does Annie think about them? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did Eun Mi get the bellbottoms? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How much did she pay for them? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What does Annie want to wear to the party? \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions about yourself.

1. What are you wearing right now? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What's your favorite piece of clothing these days? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did you get it(them)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What's your favorite place to go window shopping in Seoul? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you ever use a credit card? \_\_\_\_\_

**4/Pair Work:**

1. With a partner, write all of the English clothing words you know. Be careful of Konglish words.

**Conversation Questions** *In pairs or small groups make a conversation using the following questions as a guideline.*

1. Who do you think is the best dressed person in your class? What do you like about their style?
2. Do you like to shop?
3. Do your parents think you shop too much?
4. Do you get a shopping *allowance* from your parents?
5. Where's your favorite area to shop in Seoul? What's special about it?
6. Do you think it is important to wear fashionable clothes?
7. Do you ever use a credit card? Have you gone *over the limit*?
8. Where is your favorite place to window-shop?
9. What's your favorite item of clothing in your *wardrobe* right now? Where did you get it(them)?  
How much did you pay?
10. Do you know anyone who has piercing in an unusual place? What do you think about it?
11. What do you think about tattoos? Would you ever get one?
12. What fashion items do you think are too *risqué*?
13. Do you know a shopaholic?
14. What style of clothing do you like? Why? Funky/punk/conservative/classic/hip hop?
15. What are some fashion trends in Korea in the past? Which ones were funny? Which ones were cool?
16. What's your favorite material/color/pattern?
17. Have you ever returned something for an exchange or refund?
18. What do you like to wear when you go to a party or special event?
19. Have you ever been ripped off when you bought something?
20. Have you ever bought secondhand clothing?
21. What are some of the strangest fashions you have seen?
22. What colors do you think look good on you?
23. Did you ever wear hand-me-downs from your older brothers or sisters?
24. What do you think of TV home shopping or online shopping? Have you ever tried it?
25. Have you ever had a problem with online shopping?
26. What style is hip or cool in Korea these days? Would you wear it?
27. How do Koreans get their fashion ideas? From MTV/Japan/Hollywood movies/Korean movie and TV stars/Korean music videos?

## 'Frumpy' Obama will never be fashion victim

WASHINGTON — US President Barack Obama admitted Tuesday that he's a little frumpy, but *brushed aside* suggestions that he should *pay greater attention* to fashion. "Here's my attitude. Michelle, she looks fabulous. I'm a little frumpy," Obama laughed in an interview with NBC.

He was defending himself after the US *fashion police* let out *howls of horror* over the *so-called* old-fashioned "Dad jeans" that the president wore to throw the first pitch at a Saint Louis baseball match last week.

"I hate to shop. Those jeans are comfortable. And for those of you who, you know, want your president to, you know, look great in his tight jeans, I'm sorry, I'm not the guy," he shrugged. And he admitted that he would not be caught dead in any "low-rider" jeans. "Sorry ... it just doesn't fit me. I'm not 20," he said ruefully.

The president of the United States also admitted that "basically, up until a few years ago, I only had four suits."

First Lady Michelle Obama, who has swiftly become a *fashion icon* for her style and elegance, "used to tease me because they'd (his suits) get really shiny," he added.

T/F The U.S. has a special police force that monitors fashion.

T/F Obamas suits started looking old and worn out.

T/F Obama actually wants to wear low-rider jeans.

T/F The U.S. media was horrified about Obama's fashion choices.

Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. Frumpy                | a. ___ shocked reaction                          |
| 2. Pay greater attention | b. ___ make fun of someone                       |
| 3. Brush aside           | c. ___ baggy and oversized                       |
| 4. Howls of horror       | d. ___ to raise one shoulders as a gesture       |
| 5. Fashion icon          | e. ___ ignore, pay no attention to               |
| 6. So-called             | f. ___ regretfully, sadly                        |
| 7. Tease                 | g. ___ be more careful about                     |
| 8. Shrug                 | h. ___ supposed, some people think so            |
| 9. Ruefully              | i. ___ someone who leads style trends in society |

1. About how much money do you spend on clothes a year?
2. Do you like shopping for new clothes?
3. Do you often buy new clothes?
4. Do you prefer to go shopping or just browse? Why?
5. Do you think men should be allowed to wear skirts?
6. What piece of clothing do you spend your money on the most? Why?
7. Do you read fashion magazines?
8. Do you sometimes wear a hat?
9. Do you think it is important to wear fashionable clothes?
  - o (Do you think it is important to be in fashion?)
10. Do you wear jewelry?
  - o If so, what kind of jewelry do you wear?
  - o How often do you wear jewelry?
11. Do you wear the same color clothes now that you wore ten years ago?
12. Do you wear the same size clothes this year as you wore last year?
13. Do you think people feel different when they wear different clothes?
14. Have you ever made your own clothes?
  - o If so, what did you make?
  - o Do you often make your own clothes?
15. How many pairs of gloves do you have?
16. What are some of the strangest fashions you have seen?
17. What colors do you think look good on you?
18. What colors do you think look good on your mother?
19. What did you wear yesterday?
20. What do you think of body piercing?
  - o Do you have pierced ears?
  - o Do you know anyone with a pierced nose?
  - o Would you ever pierce your tongue?
21. What do you think of people who dye their hair green?
22. What do you think of women who wear high heel shoes?
  - o Do you think high heel shoes are bad for a person's health?
23. What fashions that you see today do you think will be out of fashion within two years?
24. What is your shoe size?
25. What kind of clothes are in fashion now?
26. What kind of clothes do you usually wear?
27. What's the most expensive piece of clothing you have ever bought?
28. What's your favorite color for shoes?
29. When was the last time you got dressed up?
  - o Why?
  - o How often do you get dressed up?
  - o Do you like to get dressed up?
30. Where are some good stores to buy clothes in this area?
31. Where do you usually buy clothes?
32. Would you like to be a fashion model?
33. Questions on Styles, Clothing and Fashion-based Stereotypes
  - o What would you think of a women who cut off all her hair and went around bald as a fashion statement?
  - o What do you think of a man who is bald for fashion's sake?
  - o What do you think of women who wear short mini-skirts?
  - o Do you think that the clothes we wear reflect what is inside us ?
  - o What do you think of people who always and only wear black?

- What do you think of people with tattoos?
  - Do you have a tattoo?
  - Do you know someone with a tattoo?
- What do you think of people with body piercing?
  - Do you have pierced ears?
  - Would you pierce other parts of your body?
- What would you think of a high school student who always wore very conservative clothes?
- What type of clothing do you wear when you are angry and you want to express yourself?
- What colors do you choose to wear when you are happy?
- Would you dress the same as you do in your country if you went to America for a visit?
- Do you dress the same when you are depressed as you do when you are very happy?
  - In what ways do you dress differently?
- If you went out with a group of high school friends, would you dress differently then if you went out with your grandmother and her friends?
- In what ways does your Grandmother dress differently then you?
- When you get old do you think you will dress like your grandmother or grandfather?
- Would you ever wear dreadlocks?
  - What do you think of the people who wear them?
- Have you ever worn your hair braided in small braids.
  - Did anyone look at you differently because of it?
- Would you ever wear contacts to change your eye color?
- What is the difference in the people who choose to wear contacts and the people who choose to wear glasses?
- What do you think about women who don't wear earrings?
- What do you think about men who wear earrings?
  - What do you think of women who do?
- Is it possible for women to wear too much make-up?
  - When is a person wearing too much make-up?
  - What do you think of men who wear make-up?
- Is it possible to be beautiful without wearing any make-up, earrings or other accessories?
- Do fashionable clothes really change the way a person looks?
- What differences have you noticed in the fashions here and in your country?
- What do you think of men who wear tights?
- What do you think about secondhand clothes?
  - Why do you think people buy secondhand clothes?
  - Have you ever been to a store that sells secondhand clothes?
  - Have you ever bought secondhand clothes?
  - Would you buy secondhand clothes?
- When and where did you buy an article of clothing you're wearing right now? Why did you choose it?
- What would you think if the mother of the groom wore black at a wedding?
  - What would you think if a bride wore red?
  - Should a bride's dress be long or do you think it could be the length of a regular skirt?
- What items of clothing do you consider provocative?
  - (It would be interesting to see if foreigners perceive their own clothing to be provocative or not, but to get them to admit that, the question should be phrased - would it be so in American or Canada, etc.)
  - What do you think of men wearing high heels?
    - What do you think of women wearing high heels?
  - Why is it acceptable for women to wear men's clothing, but not for men to dress in women's clothing?

- Is there a stigma attached to people who buy no-name (no brand) clothing?
- Are some people more fashion conscious than others? What types/groups of people?
- Have you ever bought imitation brand clothing?
- What traditional costumes do people from your country wear?
  - When do you wear them?
  - Are they comfortable?
- In your country do children have to wear school uniform? Do you think it is a good idea or not?
- What would you do or feel if you were refused entry to somewhere because of what you are wearing?
- Do you think dress codes should be adhered to if requested on an invitation?
- What would you wear to meet royalty or the President of your country?
- Would you go to a fancy dress party? Why or why not?
- How much do you spend getting ready to go to school/college/work; out with friends; to a party? Do the times vary much?