Clothes and fashion ESL lesson plan (B2)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- How would you describe your style?
- What is the oldest thing in your wardrobe, and why do you keep it?
- Have you ever bought clothes you never wore?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
fast fashion	cheap clothes produced quickly to follow trends	Fast fashion has a huge environmental cost.
sustainable fashion	clothes made in ways that don't damage the environment	More brands are investing in sustainable fashion.
capsule wardrobe	a small collection of clothes that all go well together	I've built a capsule wardrobe of 30 items.
haute couture	expensive, high-quality fashion made for individual customers	She wore haute couture to the gala.
catwalk	the long stage models walk on in a fashion show (American English: runway)	The dress first appeared on the Paris catwalk.
garment	a piece of clothing (formal)	Each garment is made by hand.
tailored	made to fit a particular person perfectly	He wears tailored suits.
flattering	making someone look more attractive	That color is very flattering on you.
understated	simple and elegant, not attracting too much attention	She has an understated style.
flamboyant	very colorful and confident, attracting attention	The singer wore a flamboyant gold suit.

Grammar focus (10 min): Much, many, a few, a little, enough, too

Sam and Priya organise a school picnic for forty families. Priya checks the list: “We have a few tables and a little money left, but we don’t have enough cups. And there are too many cakes!” By the end of this lesson you can talk about quantities precisely.

Form	Pattern	Example
Countable	many · a few · too many	a few chairs · too many cakes
Uncountable	much · a little · too much	a little money · too much noise
Too	too + adjective	too hot · too loud
Enough	enough + noun · adjective + enough	enough cups · big enough

Watch for: ~~There is a few milk.~~ → **There is a little milk.**. Milk is uncountable.

Speaking (15 min): Pack for three occasions

The learner packs one small bag for a job interview, a hike and a wedding in the same weekend. They list what they take and explain what each item is for; you question two of the choices.

Useful language

- I’m wearing… / She’s got… on.
- smart · casual · scruffy · trendy
- It goes with… / It matches…
- It suits you. / It doesn’t fit.
- to try on · to put on · to take off · to dress up
- It’s too tight / too loose.

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about clothes and fashion using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the B2 clothes and fashion vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

dressed to the nines · frumpy · fashion-conscious · dressed to kill · self-expression · splashed out on · knock-off · were all the rage

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. She arrived at the party _____.
2. Clothes are a form of _____.
3. Platform shoes _____ in the 1970s.
4. Teenagers are often very _____.
5. Everyone was _____ for the gala.
6. I _____ a leather jacket.
7. That's not a real Gucci bag; it's a _____.
8. I feel _____ in this coat.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What did you wear as a teenager that you would not wear now?
2. Do you dress differently for work and for friends?
3. Is it important to follow fashion?
4. What do you wear to feel confident?
5. What do people wear to a wedding in your country?

Write

Write 80–120 words about clothes and fashion. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 dressed to kill · 2 self-expression · 3 were all the rage · 4 fashion-conscious · 5 dressed to the nines · 6 splashed out on · 7 knock-off · 8 frumpy