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Fashion matters

Vocabulary

Spellcheck

1 *Clothes Show Live* is a huge fashion exhibition that takes place every December in Birmingham. Read this extract from the catalogue proofs. Check the spelling before it goes to print! An example is given. There are ten more errors to correct.

Corpus spot

Think carefully when to use double consonants – the *Cambridge Learner Corpus* shows FCE candidates often make mistakes with these.

It was **impossible** to find a pair in my size.
 NOT It was **imposible** to find a pair in my size.

2 Correct the spelling errors in these sentences written by FCE candidates.

- a You can immagine how excited I was.
- b There is a beautifull view from up there.
- c The concert was brilliant.
- d This was only the begginging.
- e Acording to the writer, it is expensive.
- f They did not appologise for this.
- g I hope you weren't dissapointed?
- h Hapiness is the most important thing.

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Phrasal verbs

3 Complete these sentences using a suitable phrasal verb in an appropriate form. Choose from the list below, which includes some more phrasal verbs to do with clothes.

get away with	keep up with	smarten up
stand out	dress up	throw on

- a I go to at least ten big fashion shows a year, just to the latest designs.
- b Joan asked me to paint the flat with her, so I an old shirt and found my tattiest pair of jeans.
- c Henry could wearing jeans in his last job, but now he has had to himself
- d Nigel for the party, but when he arrived, he really , as everyone else was wearing casual clothes.

Reading

- 4 Look at the photo of a pair of jeans. How old do you think they are? Read the text quickly to find out.



\$25,000 may sound excessive for a tatty pair of jeans, but the ones in this picture are not an ordinary pair of Levi's. They are said to be one of the two oldest pairs left. They are certainly the most expensive!

Discovered last year in an old coal mine in Colorado, they were initially sold for \$10,000 and then sold on again at a higher price. Then Seth Weisser paid even more for them. Co-owner of a store appropriately called *What Comes Around Goes Around*, he decided to contact Levi's in San Francisco. 'I sent them pictures of the jeans and they were

delighted. They would have paid \$40,000, I think!'

Levi's has its own museum and Lynn Downey, the company historian, said: 'I knew this would be a treasure that everyone in the company would want us to have, so Levi's agreed to pay one of the highest sums ever for a pair of old jeans.'

Apart from a hole in the left pocket and frayed edges at the bottom, the jeans are in remarkably good condition for their age. Ms Downey was able to date them by their leather patch, which was added in 1886, and the single back pocket. A

second pocket was added in 1902. She said: 'Perhaps the most important reason why Levi's bought these jeans is that the company lost everything in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and the first 50 years of our history was destroyed.'

- 5 Now read these statements about the text and say whether they are true or false.

- a There are no other jeans as old as these.
- b Seth Weisser paid \$10,000 for the jeans.
- c Lynn Downey is an employee of Levi's.
- d The jeans are made completely of one material.
- e The jeans have fewer pockets than ones made after 1902.
- f The Levi's company is more than 100 years old.



- 6 Underline the four superlative forms in the text.

- 7 Which words in the text mean:

- a too much
- b common
- c suitably
- d pleased
- e worn
- f extremely

Grammar

Comparatives

- 8 Make sentences, using a comparative adjective and the other words. An example is given.

- a Cotton shirts/cheap/woollen ones.
Cotton shirts are cheaper than woollen ones.
- b Flat shoes/comfortable/high-heeled ones.
- c Jeans/casual/trousers.
- d Supermodels/thin/other people.
- e Sarah Thomas/young/Kate Moss.
- f New York/big/San Francisco.
- g Jogging/dangerous/bungee-jumping.
- h Clubbing/tiring/studying.

- 9 Rewrite these sentences using the structure *not as ... as* and the word in bold.

- a Last year the prices in this shop were lower.
cheap
This year the prices in this shop are last year.
- b I think this exercise is easy.
difficult
This exercise is I thought.
- c Ben won the race but George came second.
fast
George was Ben.