

Q Listening and Speaking 2 Unit 1 Audio Script

Track 1

A fashion commentator once said, “People dress like their fantasies.” His point was that we often dress to look like the people we want to be. This is why people dress like celebrities. It is also the reason that people enjoy costume parties. When you go to a costume party, you can be a prince or a princess, a caveman or a cowboy—whatever you want to be.

Some people carry these fantasies into their everyday clothing. I sometimes go to a coffee shop in my neighborhood for breakfast. There’s often a man there wearing a cowboy hat and jacket and riding boots. The people in the coffee shop call him “Tex.” He probably never lived in Texas. He was never a cowboy on a real cattle ranch. In his real life, he owns a little bookstore in the neighborhood. But, he lives his dream of the cowboy life with his clothes.

A friend of mine at the university is studying the history of film. She’s especially interested in the movies of the 1930s and 1940s. For her, women’s styles of that time were much more elegant and sophisticated than today’s styles. She often goes to vintage clothing stores—stores that sell old clothing from different time periods—to buy clothes. She has a collection of dresses and hats from the ’30s and ’40s. She doesn’t wear them every day, but she does wear them on special occasions. When she does, she looks very elegant, just like a movie star from the old days.

Track 2

Well, I think this is the right answer.

Track 3

Yeah, and after we finish this project, we’re going to do another one.

Track 4

Yeah, I lost my presentation.

Track 5

Oh! Mr. Lombardi is going to be in Tokyo next week.