
字彙 : *fashion* 時尚

Do you ever struggle with choosing your **outfit** in the morning? If you have a full wardrobe yet still feel you don't have anything to wear, you might want to build yourself a **capsule wardrobe**!

So, what is this? Put simply, a capsule wardrobe is a small selection of items of clothing that **complement** each other, and are therefore **interchangeable**. Key to the capsule wardrobe is solid **basics**, like **plain tops**, and, ideally, **neutral colours**, because they make **combinations** easier. Think about the **versatility** of a simple pair of denim jeans. They can be combined with **trainers** and a t-shirt for a **casual** look or a **blazer paired** with **heels**, or **loafers**, if you want to look more **sophisticated**. Fashion bloggers also talk about **timeless classics** – picture a luxury black handbag that will **suit** any occasion and won't **go out of style**.

But why might it be beneficial to build a capsule wardrobe? Well, by limiting your choices, it can become much easier to choose what to wear, but there is another advantage too – it can reduce the amount of **fast fashion**. Fast fashion refers to clothes which are **trendy** for just a short time, so are quickly replaced by newer **trends**. This results in cheap and poor-quality clothing which has huge environmental costs as waste goes to landfill, resulting in an increase in pollution. According to UK clothes waste charity TRAIID, the average **garment** is worn just 10 times before being disposed of. So, having a capsule wardrobe with long-lasting and high-quality clothes should help reduce this, even if it means paying more in the first place.

Fashion and lifestyle magazine, Vogue, says 'building an excellent capsule wardrobe takes time and patience'. But, if you want to reduce waste and have some extra time in the morning, it might be time to start building!

字彙表

outfit	全套服裝
capsule wardrobe	“膠囊衣櫥”，極簡主義衣櫥
complement	為...增色，相互補充
interchangeable	可互換使用的，可交替的
basics	基本款
plain	樸素的，素色的
top	上衣
neutral colour	中性色
combination	搭配
versatility	有多種用途
trainers	運動鞋
casual	休閒的
blazer	正式的西裝外套
pair	搭配
heels	高跟鞋
loafers	樂福鞋，平底便鞋
sophisticated	成熟高雅的
timeless classic	永不過時的經典
suit	適合，適宜於
go out of style	過時
fast fashion	快速時尚
trendy	時髦的
trend	潮流
garment	(一件) 衣服

測驗與練習

1. 閱讀課文並回答問題。

1. Why are denim jeans a versatile item of clothing?
2. Why are solid basics and neutral colours key to a capsule wardrobe?
3. True or False? *Fast fashion refers to clothes that stay fashionable for a long time.*
4. What happens to fast fashion after it is thrown away?
5. According to TRAIID, how many times is the average item of clothing worn before it is thrown away?

2. 選擇意思恰當的單字或片語來完成下列句子。

1. Her _____ is so sophisticated. She must work in fashion.

outfit	classics	fast fashion	basics
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2. Sarah wore shiny high _____ to the party. She looked very glamorous.

blazers	bloggers	heels	trends
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3. I've used this handbag for 20 years and it still looks new! It's so _____.

interchangeable	fast	long-lasting	trendy
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4. I buy a new coat every few months because they _____ so quickly.

suit	complement	go out of style	pair
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5. This _____ always looks good on you – blue jeans and a basic white t-shirt.

trainer combination	versatility	blazer
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答案

1. 閱讀課文並回答問題。

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Because they can be easily combined with other items of clothing for different looks.

2. Why are solid basics and neutral colours key to a capsule wardrobe?

Because they make combinations easier.

3. True or False? *Fast fashion refers to clothes that stay fashionable for a long time.*

False. Fast fashion refers to clothes which are trendy for just a short time, so are quickly replaced by newer trends.

4. What happens to fast fashion after it is thrown away?

It goes to landfill, resulting in an increase in pollution.

5. According to TRAIID, how many times is the average item of clothing worn before it is disposed of?

The average garment is worn just 10 times.

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