

A graphic from BBC Culture featuring a man with a beard, wearing a top hat, sunglasses, a patterned jacket, and a vest, holding a wooden stick. The background is split into blue, red, and green sections. The text 'Are hipsters cool?' is written in large white letters. The BBC logo is in the top left, and the word 'CULTURE' is written vertically in a green box on the left. The main text is on the left, and a glossary is at the bottom right.

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CULTURE

Are hipsters cool?

A DIFFERENT KIND OF FASHION

Hipsters are people, usually under thirty, who want to be different. They like clothes, food and music that is different from most people. They don't want to be fashionable. When lots of people try to dress like hipsters, their look becomes fashionable. Then the hipsters change and wear something else!

Hipsters usually like to live in big cities. There they can find lots of small, unusual shops, art galleries and cafés. In the UK, it's London. In the USA, it's New York City. In Canada, it's Montreal. In Australia, it's Melbourne and in New Zealand, it's Wellington. Where do hipsters like to live in your country?

Right now hipsters like wearing vintage clothes. Hipsters don't think it's cool to wear famous brands, so they like to find old clothes. Perhaps you can find some in your grandparents' attic – lace dresses, granny boots, clothes with flowers on them or old hats.

Hipsters often wear tight jeans in bright colours. They like big glasses too – these are often plastic and rainbow-coloured. Their shirts aren't usually plain – they like checks and flowers. Sometimes they stick on pictures of animals or clever phrases.

Girls can wear very high heels or flat shoes and they carry big bags, so that they can take their tablets, phones and old records (NOT CDs!) with them. Hats and beards are popular for the men.

Hipsters dress in layers. They put clothes on top of other clothes. And a hipster's clothes are usually mismatched – they aren't neat and well-fitting. It's important for the clothes to look lazy – although the hipster sometimes spends a long time getting ready!

Fashion designers often use hipster fashion for ideas for next year's new look. So, today's hipster fashion might be on tomorrow's catwalk!

GLOSSARY
attic (n) a room at the top of a house, just below the roof
_____ (n) high, black footwear for women with shoelaces
_____ (n) a type of material made with a pattern of small holes
_____ (n) a piece of clothing that is between two other pieces
_____ (adj) clothes that do not work well together
_____ (adj) old, but high quality

Activities

- 1) Read the text and highlight key words.
- 2) Work with the dictionary to find out the meanings of the unknown words.
- 3) Use different colors to underline/circle:
 - Verbs
 - Adjectives
 - Linkers/discursive words
 - All types of pronouns
- 4) Make a list of what you found in point 3)
- 5) Rewrite the text in Spanish by using your own words.