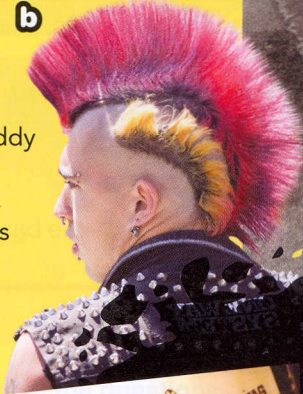


FASHION AND MUSIC

Before the 1950s, there were no fashions just for teenagers. Young people usually wore the same kinds of clothes as their parents, and they listened to the same kinds of music. But all that changed with the beginnings of rock'n'roll!

- In the 1950s, young people actually had their own music for the first time: rock'n'roll. It was lively and exciting, and teenagers wanted new fashions to go with it. So what did they wear? Some teenage boys followed the **style** of their favourite singers like Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley. They wore smart suits with narrow ties. Others copied film stars such as Marlon Brando and James Dean, and wore jeans and leather jackets. Teenage girls wore wide skirts which looked great when they danced to rock'n'roll music!
- In the 1960s, things changed quickly. Bands such as the Beatles and the Rolling Stones became popular. Fashionable young women wore very short dresses and 'mini skirts'. The older **generation** was shocked! The 1960s was also the time of the hippie movement. Young people were interested in ideas of **peace** and love, and wanted to make the world a better place. Many young men had long hair and wore sandals, some kind of loose shirt and very wide trousers.
- The punk music of the 1970s and 80s was loud and angry, and the **trends** matched the music. Punks didn't want to be well-dressed or fashionable. They wanted to shock people, and they wanted to show that they didn't like the fashion industry. They bought second-hand clothes that looked old and dirty, and wore their hair in colourful and unusual ways.
- In the 1980s and 1990s, black American music called hip hop became popular all over the world. Hip hop stars wore loose tracksuits, or jeans with trainers, and often a cap. They sang about money and fast cars. They loved to show how rich they were, so they wore lots of gold – rings, necklaces, that kind of thing. They called this 'bling'.



1 Read the article quickly. Match each paragraph to a photo.

2 Read the article again. Choose the correct answers.

- Before the 1950s, teenagers ...
 - A didn't listen to music very much.
 - B listened to the same music as adults.
- In the 1950s, a lot of teenage boys ...
 - A joined rock'n'roll bands.
 - B wore clothes similar to the pop stars.
- In the 1960s, a lot of young men ...
 - A didn't like sandals.
 - B grew their hair long.
- In the 1970s, punks wanted ...
 - A to be very fashionable.
 - B to look different.
- In the 1980s and 1990s, hip hop singers liked ...
 - A wearing jewellery.
 - B driving fast cars.

3 Match the highlighted words in the article to the meanings.

- fashions
- when there is no war
- a way of arranging hair or designing clothes
- a group of people of about the same age

EP Word profile kind

They listened to the same **kinds** of music.

They wore **some kind of** loose shirt.

They wore lots of gold – rings, necklaces, **that kind of thing**.

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Talking points

- 66** Why do you think fashions change over time? Why do young people like to dress differently to their parents and grandparents?