



## Clothes: Improving your IELTS response

Read the example and think about how to improve it.

I'll tell you about my taste in clothes. I have two favorite styles and one hating style. First, It is "Californian style" which is born in California in United States. They have so many styles in California so I'll tell you about a style in LA as an example. We don't prefer baggy dad jeans and always waer skinny pants or jeans even in the summer. They also love bright colored hoodies with white sneakers.

The most important points for LA fashion is being "simple, skinny, bright colored and comfortable".

It is hard to describe the taste of LA style clothes so I would like you to check this out!

<https://instagram.com/brentrivera?igshid=18a6ovf4avd0a>

My another favorite style of clothing is " Italian fashion"

This is because I have been watching movies related to Italian Mafia since I was little. They are always staying cool and sexy. It actually costs me a lot to wear true Italian clothes ; I always look for Italian taste clothes not made in Italy or Italian brand; Italian taste of clothing always make me confident and invincible. That's why I love Italian fashion.

The clothing style that I hate is "Shimokitazawa fashion" They prefer " used clothings" and to wear oversized clothes. They look just uncool and slovenly.

### How can you improve the writing?

Provide a clearer statement in the first paragraph to express the writer's ideas.

Fashion/style /look/clothes that are in

(noun), *which/that/who....* , - *extra information* on the noun

(noun) I like/ connected with - dependent clause

**Signal language** - **in fact / however / etc.**

I have always been *verb +ing* - used for regularly and recent occurring events

True - authentic

Slovenly - shabby

When I think about my taste in clothes, there are **in fact** two styles I like and one I cannot stand. "Californian style" fashion, *which obviously started in California*, is *what I like wearing*. **However**, they have so many styles in California so I'll tell you about one look from LA *which I like*. There are a few simple rules to this look. **First**, wear skinny pants or skinny jeans, even in the summer. **Then**, put on a bright colored hoody and **finally**, wear white sneakers. **The most important point** for LA fashion is to wear *clothes that are simple, skinny, bright colored and comfortable*. It is hard to describe this particular fashion so I would advise you to look at Brent Rivera on Instagram.

**Another** style of clothing I like is Italian fashion. This is because I have always watched movies connected with the Italian Mafia since I was little. These guys always seem to stay cool and calm, and look so cool at the same time. I guess **that is why** I like these clothes because it always makes me feel confident and even invincible. **However**, it actually costs a lot to wear authentic Italian clothes so I try to look for similar clothes *which are actually not made in Italy* just to save money.

The clothing style that I hate but is in at the moment is "Shimokitazawa fashion". Although environmentally friendly as these clothes are generally second-hand, the people *who tend to follow this fashion*, prefer to wear such used clothes *which are often oversized*. They look just uncool and shabby – totally the opposite to the clean cut look of Californian fashion.



## From the above work, try to chunk the speech

Find the pause – Chunking    short /    longer //

CAPITALISE the stressed (important) word

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