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INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

## READING HW

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A

### Paula, a clothes designer

When you're young you can get away with cheap clothes though I think I had expensive tastes even then. In fact I've always spent a lot on clothes and I've always loved what they can do for you but I never intended to make money from them. At one point when I didn't have a job my husband said, 'Surely you must be able to make something'. That was the kick I needed to get me started.

I'm mad on swimsuits. Because I make my own clothes I'm always thinking about changing a collar on something or changing a fabric, but because I don't make swimsuits they're free from all that. I have several. People take one on holiday and think that's enough, yet they wouldn't dream of wearing the same trousers day after day. I don't understand that.

B

### Len, a businessman

I've enjoyed motorbikes since I was 16. But for a long time I didn't own one; I rode my brother's instead. Then about two years ago I bought one. I thought if I don't get one now, I never will. I always walked to work every morning until I got the motorbike, but now I ride there most days. I bought a leather coat as a solution to the problem of needing to wear a suit to work and wanting to come in by bike. It would be impossible to be changing all the time. It's quite an amazing garment: it looks good, it feels good and although it's got a practical use, I am aware it does have an impact. It turns heads as I walk through the building. When I was younger I rode a bike several times without a helmet. That was in parts of the United States where it's not compulsory but it's madness. There's enough risk on a bike without adding more.

### Marion, a singer

When I was in a musical I wore wonderful skirts made by a designer but they were incredibly heavy, and during the first performance I fell over twice on stage dancing in them. That hasn't happened to me again because I know now that you need much lighter clothes to dance in.

A little while after that, I was singing at a friend's wedding so I asked the same designer to make a really stunning dress for me. I absolutely love it but I wondered if I'd be able to wear it again. It's not an everyday kind of garment. In fact I've worn the dress several times since then – to awards ceremonies and dinners. I'm not actually a big one for those kinds of occasions though. I really like the process of getting ready but I'm not a big mixer.

My career's never been structured. Perhaps it should have been but I'm hopeless at pushing myself. I went to the States when a film I was in, *Enchanted April*, was really big but I never dreamed of hiring a publicist or anything. I suppose one measure of success was when I did my first TV advert and I went into the sort of shop I'd always been scared to go into before and bought something without looking at the price. That just wasn't like me.

D

### Tom, chief executive of a charity

I worked as a lawyer until I was in my forties but I've been director of this charity for 10 years now. I'm out two or three nights a week at dinners to raise money. It goes with a job like this and it's fun too. I wear a suit and tie to most events. They're a kind of uniform, which is helpful because I'm not naturally a stylish dresser. I like to feel comfortable and fit in, and this way I'm not conscious of my appearance. If I was, I'd probably be horrendously shy. One of my big mistakes in my early days was to make a speech that was too serious. People said afterwards that it was very powerful but that wasn't what I'd intended. If you're too serious in my kind of business it puts people off.



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Read about people who like Clothes. For questions 1-15 choose from the people A-D

- 1 thinks people don't give enough importance to one kind of clothing?
- 2 learnt something after an experience with some clothing?
- 3 made a decision to buy something they had always wanted?
- 4 no longer does something which they now consider foolish?
- 5 prefers preparing to go out rather than the event itself?
- 6 did something out of character?
- 7 prefers not to draw attention to themselves?
- 8 wears a piece of clothing which makes people look at them?
- 9 never expected to go into their present line of business?
- 10 has found several opportunities to wear a special piece of clothing?
- 11 thinks it is important to keep a sense of humour?
- 12 is not good at self-promotion?
- 13 says when you're in your teens and twenties you can look good on a tight budget?
- 14 found a piece of clothing which serves two purposes?
- 15 is happy with the social requirements of their job?