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LESSON CODE: HTE-T107 • CEFR B1+ INTERMEDIATE

Lesson 7: Thrifting & Street Style

Describe vintage bargains, personal outfits, and sustainable fashion choices with stress-marked read-aloud scripts.

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High-Street Brands or Vintage Finds?

BRIGHTON, UK

Leo (16)

Upcycles £8 charity-shop denim jackets with retro patches at home.

LONDON, UK

Sienna & Eli (17)

Hunt for mint-condition 90s windbreakers at weekend street stalls.

MANCHESTER, UK

Amara, Tariq & Chloe

Organize a student clothes-swap pop-up to refresh outfits for free.

Leo’s One-of-a-Kind Jacket

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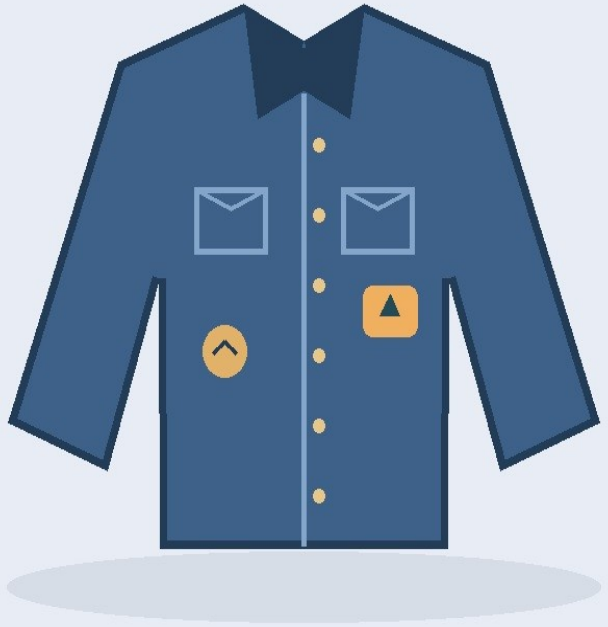

CHARACTER PROFILE

Leo, 16 — Brighton

Gave up expensive fast-fashion hoodies for charity-shop treasure hunts and DIY denim customisation.

Target Skill: Contrasting past vs. present habits

Pronunciation Focus: Emphatic adverbs (“way too much”)

Warm-Up: What is the best bargain you have ever found?

STEP 2 • MONOLOGUE

Read Aloud: Leo’s Thrift Score

BOLD = STRESS • / = PAUSE

SPEAKER: LEO (EXPRESSIVE, CONVERSATIONAL PACE)

“I used to spend **way** too much money on brand-new hoodies, / but now I’m completely **hooked** on thrifting. / Last weekend, I scored this **over**sized denim jacket / for just **eight** pounds at a charity shop! / I sewed on a few **vin**tage patches at home, / and now it looks **one** of a kind without costing a **for**tune.”

Sienna & Eli’s Market Bargain

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CHARACTER PROFILES

Sienna & Eli, 17 — London

Best friends who browse outdoor vintage racks on Saturday mornings, giving each other honest styling advice.

Target Skill: Complimenting outfits & discussing prices

Pronunciation Focus: Exclamations (“Hold on!”, “No way!”)

Warm-Up: Oversized or fitted—what street style do you prefer?



STEP 2B • PAIR DIALOGUE

Read Aloud: Vintage Rack Discovery

ROLE A: SIENNA • ROLE B: ELI

SIENNA (EXCITED & IMPRESSED)

“Hold **on**—check out this retro windbreaker! / The colours are so **bold**, and it’s in **mint** condition.”

“Only **twelve** quid! / That’s an absolute **steal** compared to high-street prices.”

ELI (SUPPORTIVE & ENTHUSIASTIC)

“No **way**! Try it **on**—that oversized fit would totally **suit** you. / How much are they **ask**ing for it?”

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How to Talk About Style & Bargains

Natural Phrase	Meaning	Teen Example
Score (a find)	Get something great at a low price	“I scored rare trainers at the market.”
One of a kind	Completely unique; nobody else has it	“Thrifting gives you one-of-a-kind style.”
In mint condition	Looking almost brand new	“This 90s fleece is in mint condition.”
Suit (someone)	Look good on someone	“Dark green really suits you!”
An absolute steal	A surprisingly cheap bargain	“Five pounds for that coat is a steal.”

STEP 4 • PRODUCTION ACTIVITY

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Your Turn: 3-Minute Style Swap Pitch

Host a School Vintage Pop-Up

Team up in groups of three like Amara, Tariq, and Chloe. Pitch your rack in 60 seconds:

1. Hero Piece: Describe one standout jacket, hoodie, or bag in mint condition.

2. The Deal: Explain why it is an absolute steal vs. high-street prices.

3. Style Tip: Share how to wear or customise it so it looks one of a kind.



Fresh Fit! Ready for Lesson 8?

Use the HTE-T107 worksheet for the quick check and written follow-up.

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