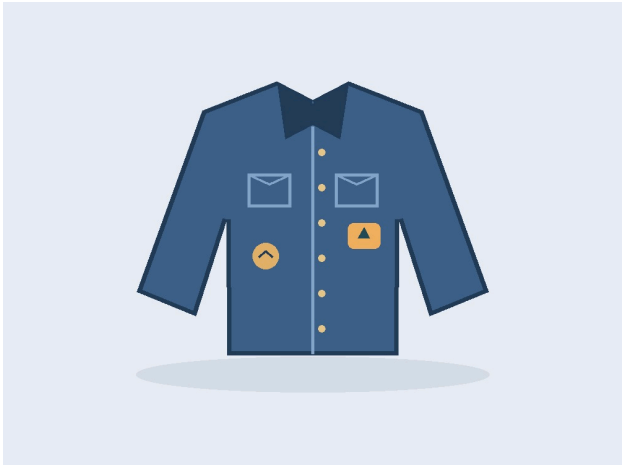
Lesson 7: Thrifting & Street Style

Target Skill: Describing outfits, vintage finds, and sustainable shopping • Pronunciation: Exclamations & word stress

STEP 1 • HOOK & VISUAL PREDICTION

High-Street Brands or Vintage Finds?

Look closely at the two scenes below. Before reading the scripts, discuss with a partner: **What kind of clothes are these teens looking at, and where do you usually shop for your favourite outfits?**



Leo (16, Brighton): Customises secondhand denim jackets with retro patches instead of buying fast fashion.



Sienna & Eli (17, London): Spend Saturday mornings hunting for bargains at Brick Lane's outdoor vintage stalls.

STEP 2 · MONOLOGUE (LISTEN OR READ ALOUD)

Script A: Leo's One-of-a-Kind Jacket

Reading Guide: Read Leo's monologue aloud at an expressive, conversational pace. Emphasize the **bold** syllables and take a brief pause at each **/** slash mark.

> **AUDIO TRACK HTE-T107-A · SOLO READ-ALOUD · LEO (16)**
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> "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."

STEP 2B • PAIR DIALOGUE (READ ALOUD)

Script B: Sienna & Eli at the Vintage Market

Reading Guide: Work in pairs. Student A reads **Sienna**; Student B reads **Eli**. Practice sounding genuinely excited about finding a bargain, then switch roles.

> **AUDIO TRACK HTE-T107-B · PAIR READ-ALOUD · SIENNA & ELI (17)**
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> **Sienna:** “Hold **on**—check out this retro windbreaker! / The colours are so **bold**, and it’s in **mint** condition.”
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> **Eli:** “No **way**! Try it **on**—that oversized fit would totally **suit** you. / How much are they **ask**ing for it?”
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> **Sienna:** “Only **twelve** quid! / That’s an absolute **steal** compared to high-street prices.”

STEP 3 • HOW TO SAY IT

Natural Teen Style & Shopping Phrases

Natural Phrase	Meaning	Teen Example
Score (a find)	Manage to get something great, often at a low price	“I scored rare trainers at the flea market.”
One of a kind	Completely unique; nobody else has the exact same thing	“Thrifting is great for one-of-a-kind pieces.”
Cost a fortune	Be extremely expensive	“Designer coats usually cost a fortune.”
In mint condition	Looking almost brand new with zero damage	“This 90s fleece is still in mint condition.”
Suit (someone)	Look good on someone or match their personality	“Dark green really suits you!”
An absolute steal	A surprisingly cheap bargain for its quality	“Five pounds for a wool jumper is an absolute steal.”

STEP 4 • YOUR TURN (WRITTEN & SPOKEN PRODUCTION)

Host a Classroom Clothes Swap



Inspiration — Amara, Tariq & Chloe (16, Manchester): Planning a school clothes-swap pop-up so students can refresh their wardrobes for free.

Part A: Quick Check & Personalization

1. How did Leo make his eight-pound charity-shop jacket look unique?
2. Why does Sienna call the retro windbreaker *“an absolute steal”*?
3. Write two sentences describing your favourite item of clothing or best shopping bargain. Use at least **two phrases** from the Step 3 table:

Part B: 3-Minute Style Swap Pitch (Groups of 3)

Imagine you and two classmates are organizing a teen vintage pop-up or clothes swap like Amara, Tariq, and Chloe. Prepare a **60-second pitch** covering:

- **The Best Piece on Your Rack:** Describe one standout jacket, hoodie, or accessory (colour, fit, and condition).
- **Why It’s a Bargain:** Explain why it is an absolute steal compared to fast fashion that costs a fortune.
- **Style Tip:** Suggest how a classmate could wear or customise it so it looks one of a kind.

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