

Trends

1 Complete the text with these words.

catch on • cutting-edge • fusion • in the know
must-have • on trend • outdated
social influence • vintage

Changing Trends

Japanese fashion is always evolving, but is constantly (1) And Japanese teenagers love (2), for example mixing and matching styles from different cultures and eras with (3) technology.

One interesting example of a recent fashion trend was the Oji Girl, which combined 'old man' (4) style with 'cute' fashion. Suddenly second-hand chequered trousers and circular glasses, like those worn by John Lennon, became (5) items. However, fashion trends can lose popularity as quickly as they (6) and, thanks to the power of (7), what's hot one week can be (8) the next. You just need to make sure that you're (9) about what's hot!

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Expressions related to fashion and trends

2 Circle the correct alternative.

- I never thought that turtleneck sweaters would be back on/in fashion!
- I'm always reading the latest fashion magazines to keep up/on with the breaking trends.
- Coco Chanel was a leading figure in the slave/world of fashion.
- Nowadays, social media can be all it takes to start a new fashion/vogue.
- In the 2010s, acid wash vintage jeans briefly reappeared back in/on the fashion radar.
- I'm not afraid to back/buck the trend and wear something completely different.
- She's a slave to/with fashion – if it's in a designer shop window, she'll buy it.
- Fortunately, the big hair of the 1980s was just a passing/past fashion – it didn't last.
- In the early 2000s, leading luxury brands were all the backlash/rage due to the boom in the East Asian markets.

- Fashion designers often travel extensively to be inspired to create the next big thought/thing in fashion.
- Those trousers are the world/height of fashion, but I don't think that I would wear them!

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Formal language

3 Make collocations with the words and phrases in Group A and Group B to give the opposite of the words below.

Group A

circulate • contemporary • dress • financial
greater • highlight • interacting with • particular
see • serious

Group B

attributes • code • consideration • hardship
influence • in perspective • instantly
responsibility • society • their peers

- affluence, wealth
- less effect
- past generations
- have no special obligation
- ignore those around them
- have a distorted view
- distribute slowly
- superficial examination
- no rules about clothing
- dismiss qualities

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Unit review

4 Read the definitions and complete the crossword with vocabulary from 1–3 on the previous page.

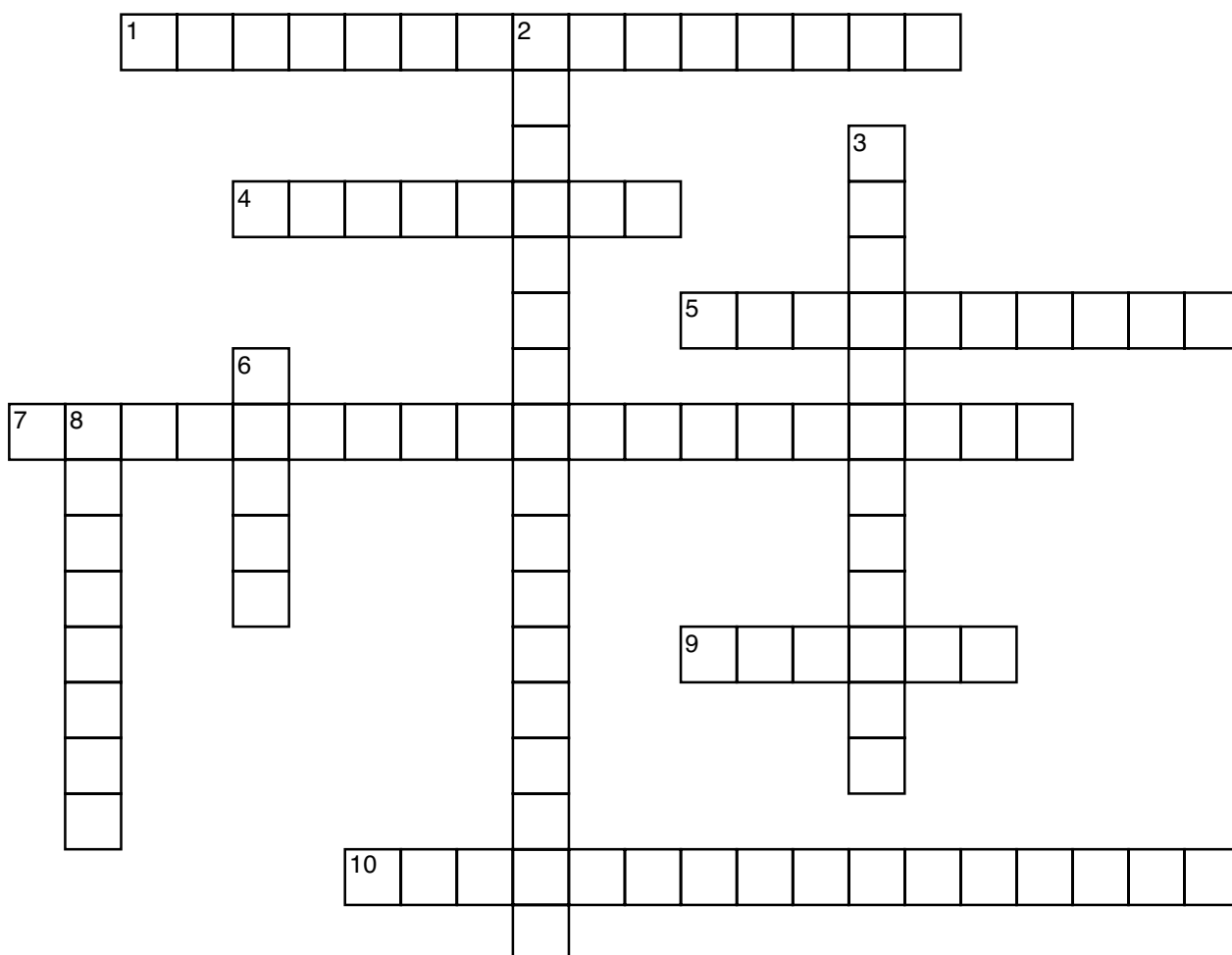
Across

- 1 pinnacle of fashion status (6, 2, 7)
 4 negative reaction against something (8)
 5 wildly popular (3, 3, 4)
 7 modern group of people (12, 7)
 9 a mix of two or more things (6)
 10 understand the reality (3, 2, 11)

Down

- 2 poor economic situation (9, 8)
 3 future star or popular trend (4, 3, 5)
 6 people the same age (5)
 8 old-fashioned (8)

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Total: / 40 points