

# READING SUCCESS 2

リーディング サクセス 2

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# UNIT 1

## A Piece of History in Your Closet



### 1 Opening Questions

Answer the question and continue a conversation with your partner.

Q How many pairs of jeans do you own?

 I have two pairs of skinny jeans and one pair of straight jeans.

 I don't have any jeans, but I have a denim skirt.

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### 2 Word Definitions

Match the words with the definitions.

- |             |     |          |                                        |
|-------------|-----|----------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. own      | ( ) | <b>a</b> | someone who works to remove gold, etc. |
| 2. miner    | ( ) | <b>b</b> | to say that something must not be done |
| 3. rebel    | ( ) | <b>c</b> | the substance of which a thing is made |
| 4. ban      | ( ) | <b>d</b> | to have something which belongs to you |
| 5. material | ( ) | <b>e</b> | someone who fights authority           |

### 3 Completing the Sentences

Fill in the blanks using the words shown above. Change the form if necessary.

1. The quality of the \_\_\_\_\_ for the dress was marvelous.
2. The musician \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of vintage guitars.
3. The city introduced a regulation to \_\_\_\_\_ smoking while walking.



### Reading Tips: Supporting Details

In a paragraph, there is usually a **topic sentence** to explain the most important point. The topic sentence should be supported by **facts** or **statistics**. Statistics are helpful in getting the readers to understand the **main idea**. Many readers recognize statistics are true — statistics are not the writer’s **opinions**.

☑ Answer true or false.

• A topic sentence is often the most important in the paragraph.

T  F

• Statistics are almost always based on the writer’s opinions.

T  F

## 4 Reading

Now, let’s read.

1-2

# A Piece of History in Your Closet

**1** Jeans are so popular that people in the US spend about \$14 million on them each year. The average American owns seven pairs. It’s not a new fashion trend, though. The material for jeans was first produced in the 1500s.

**2** Jeans are made from a fabric called denim. The strong, blue material was originally made in the French city of Nimes. The word “jeans” is related to the Italian sailors who wore them. The sailors came from Genoa and were called Genoese, which sounds like jeans.





- 3** Jeans changed as a result of the California Gold Rush. In 1853, a German immigrant named Levi Strauss started making denim jeans, but he also used copper rivets to make the pockets stronger. Strauss sold his jeans to the gold miners, and jeans were soon the uniform for laborers and especially, cowboys. In the late 1800s, a pair of jeans cost \$1.50.
- 4** By the 1940s, people were wearing jeans for leisure. In the 1950s, stars like Elvis Presley and Marlon Brando made jeans popular with teenagers. Jeans also became associated with young rebels such as the actor James Dean. Schools, movie theaters, and restaurants even banned them.
- 5** Jeans entered the world of high fashion in the 1980s. Designers sold jeans that were already torn and dyed in different colors. The bell-bottoms of the 1970s were out, and skinny jeans were in. The material wasn't just used for pants anymore, either. Denim jackets, wallets, shoes, and even sofas became popular.
- 6** Today, you can find jeans in all kinds of shapes and colors. They can cost under \$20 or more than \$3,000. You can wear a pair anywhere you go. Jeans are truly an iconic fashion item.

## 5 True or False

*Decide whether the statements are true or false, and circle the boxes.*

1. American people spend more than \$12 million on jeans each year.

True

False

2. The material called denim was originally made in Germany.

True

False

3. American people had begun wearing jeans outside of work by the 1940s.

True

False

4. The 1950s were when people were allowed to wear jeans in schools and restaurants.

True

False

## 6 Completing the Sentences

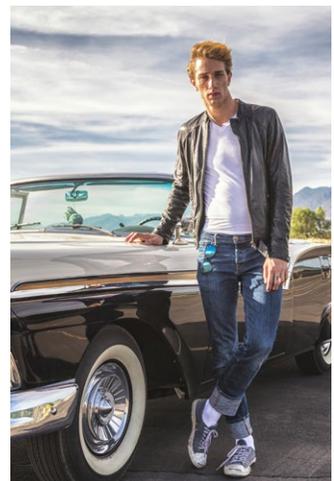
*Fill in the blanks with the words from the article.*

1. The word “jeans” came from the hometown of the Italian \_\_\_\_\_ who wore them.
2. Levi Strauss made jeans that contained \_\_\_\_\_ rivets, which made the pockets stronger.
3. People \_\_\_\_\_ jeans with rebels, so wearing jeans was once banned in some places.
4. Many people started to wear \_\_\_\_\_ jeans in the 1980s.

## 7 Multiple Choice

*Circle the appropriate answers.*

1. Before going to the US, where did Levi Strauss live?
  - a He was from France.
  - b He came from Italy.
  - c He was in the Wild West.
  - d He lived in Germany.
  
2. Which star did not make jeans popular in the 1950s?
  - a Frank Sinatra
  - b Marlon Brando
  - c Elvis Presley
  - d James Dean
  
3. What does “them” refer to in the last sentence of the fourth paragraph?
  - a Rebels
  - b Jeans
  - c Teenagers
  - d Stars
  
4. Which denim product is not mentioned?
  - a Shoes
  - b Furniture
  - c Pillows
  - d Jackets



## 8 Grammar and Expressions

Put the words in the correct order.

1. Both cheese \_\_\_\_\_.

are / butter / made / milk / and / from

2. I was extremely tired and \_\_\_\_\_.

last / a / like / night / log / slept

3. Mental \_\_\_\_\_ confidence.

to / health / related / your / is / often

4. The 4th \_\_\_\_\_ year.

start / students / year / will / next / working

5. Classical \_\_\_\_\_.

be / music / intelligence / can / with / associated

### Hints

*be made from*

*like s/th*

*be related to*

*start -ing*

*be associated with*

*s/th: something*

