

Letter Giving Advice

Name: _____

Class: _____

Read the reply letter to 'Fashion Fiasco in Fanling' and do the following:

1. Highlight the paragraph which shows the columnist has read and understood the letter and sympathised with the writer of 'Fashion Fiasco in Fanling'.
2. Underline at least 3 examples of modal verbs and imperatives.
3. Circle an expression offering advice, e.g. 'I suggest...', 'Have you thought about ...'

Dear Fashion Fiasco in Fanling,

Keeping up with fashion trends certainly can be a problem for many teenagers like you, because it makes you feel different from your more affluent peers. I'm sure you feel somewhat left out and this may in turn lead to a feeling of unworthiness. That is natural when you think you do not look your best.

You say you have no money to spend on keeping up with fashion, but there are a few ways around it. Use the money you do have wisely and put it towards the latest accessories. Teenage fashions change very quickly so you don't need to spend a lot. Spend enough to buy a few new accessories, such as costume jewellery, belts and handbags. These can be used to liven up your outfits and make you look more fashionable.

These accessories don't need to cost you an arm and a leg. First, try the market stalls. There are some around Fanling. Secondly, have you thought about checking out secondhand shops, which sell used clothes and accessories? Thirdly, see if your best friends are willing to swap, so you don't have to buy so many things yourself and still have options.

Finally, although this advice might not sound fashion-related, you should watch what you eat and make sure you get enough exercise and sleep, because if your body doesn't look good, it won't matter what you wear, you won't look your best! By having a healthy glow, you'll stand out in the crowd even without the most expensive or up-to-date fashions.

Aunt Ada