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Learning Objectives

After this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Categorize vocabulary (adjectives) with regard to the relevancy of certain trends/craze
2. Contrast the customs & trends that were the norm in the past with today’s customs & trends by using “would” and “used to”
3. Explore various trends/norms that used to exist in the past as written in the provided text
4. Select relevant information from the provided text
5. Summarize why smartphone cameras won’t be replacing standalone cameras
6. Employ appositive in sentences correctly
7. Identify the correct pronunciation of certain words with two different ways of pronouncing
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During the era of physical cassettes, these 2 items were inseparable and used quite frequently by music listeners. Do you happen to know the connection between a cassette and a pencil?
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In A Nutshell

When people encounter the phrase “in and out of fashion”, one might think that it has to do with a person being stylishly dressed or dressed according to the current trend. However, the phrase “in fashion” actually means anything (not limited to clothes only) that is popular in a certain period of time. While “in fashion” means something that is in trend, “out of fashion” means exactly the opposite. If something is “out of fashion”, then it is no longer popular as it used to be. And it’s either because more people are no longer paying attention to it which results in the disappearing of the craze or due to technological advancement which renders the existing trend no longer relevant.

Ponder this!

Pick something that was in fashion back when you were younger, but is already out of fashion now. Describe how popular it was.
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Which words would be suitable to describe these two categories below?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Out Of Fashion</th>
<th>In Fashion</th>
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<tr>
<td>vintage</td>
<td>updated</td>
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<td>snappy</td>
<td>Happening</td>
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<td>antique</td>
<td>archaic</td>
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<td>cutting edge</td>
<td>futuristic</td>
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<tr>
<td>chic</td>
<td>old fashion</td>
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<tr>
<td>obsolete</td>
<td>updated</td>
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In Or Out Of Fashion?
Replace the highlighted words with the matching antonym provided in the box

1. Henry, why are you wearing denim? Didn’t you check the dress code? You’re supposed to be wearing trendy outfit. I mean, the theme of the party is “Going Classics” for God’s sake!
2. Vinyl and gramophone are considered cutting edge recording player in the present days.
3. The moment iPod was launched and introduced, it was considered archaic and rather ahead of its time.
4. Sam, your laptop’s antivirus software is already updated. You should outdate it soon. Otherwise your laptop will be vulnerable to all sorts of virus and malwares.
5. Boba drinks are really out of fashion these days. People are lining up everywhere to buy and drink it.
6. Writing to-do-lists on an online note that is connected to clouds in this digital age is considered old-fashion.
7. Floppy disks are so out of time, they’re practically futuristic.
8. Vania is a fashion-conscious millennial. She thinks everyone should keep up with the trend. She only wears clothes that are vintage.

Vocabulary Build Up
Living in the 21st century sure does bring a lot of advantages. The modern age has given us many inventions, new revelations/insights and ease of access. There have been many significant changes in the way we live, for starters, people weren’t able to travel such long distances in such short period of time. The planes were not that popular then because they used to be a very expensive means of transport. Nowadays, we have become very mobile. We have fast and comfortable cars and more people also travel by plane. The way we communicate has changed as well. Before cellphones, we had to share the landline with our entire family, making it hard to call a friend without being interrupted. And if we wanted to write someone who’s far away, we had to write letters or telegrams because in 1999, the internet was still shiny and new. It hadn’t become the staple we know and need today. There were times when people used to own many things to do various leisurely activities. At present, all the pastimes we can think of are already reduced to one single device, a cellphone. In the past, the way people reacted or responded to something was also different. Take schools for example, teachers back then used to handle disciplinary conducts differently than they do today. Before, corporal punishments weren’t something unheard-of. Disciplining students with a stick, for example, was the way. These days, teachers will simply resort to detention or suspension when having to deal with such conducts. Talking about what was in fashion back then won’t be complete if we don’t talk about “the fashion” itself. Do you know how trendy clothes or styles looked like before internet happened? In the 80’s, a style called retro was a thing. People would show up wearing bright neon colored article of clothing. Other than that, people also wore a voluminous hairstyle. The bigger the better. And in the make-up department, the ladies really would put on a lot of make-up, such as vibrant colorful eyeshadow, heavy duty eyeliner, bold and bushy eyebrows and so on. What people used to do in the past really contrasts with what the trend dictates in our time. Nowadays, when it comes to getting dressed or wearing make-up, less is more. We don’t overdo things these days, which is why we now have a trend called “Minimalism” or even “No make-up” make-up look. Things really do change a lot from time to time. The only constant thing in life, is change itself.
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Reading Comprehension

1. How did mobility in the past differ from the current one in the 21st century?
2. **True** or **False**?
   - Making multiple phone calls simultaneously has always been doable since long time ago
   - Back then, people still engaged in communication exchanges in the form of physical writing/letter
   - Internet instantly made its way into our life the moment it was launched
3. Pay attention to line 7 that reads “*It hadn’t become the staple we…….*”. What does the word “*it*” refer to?
4. How does the passage exemplify a behavioural change in terms of disciplinary conducts in a school setting?
5. What’s the fashion style in the 80’s called?
6. How people presented themselves in the 80’s:
   - Clothes:
   - Make-up:
   - Hairstyle:

Free Responses

- Do you find the change in handling disciplinary conducts at school in present days to be effective? In what way does it positively affect the students? State your reasons.
- What factors do you think affect the way disciplinary offenses at schools are being handled?
- Do you think you would be brave enough if you were to dress according to the style trending in the 80s?
- We went from being “the bigger the better” and “the bolder the trendier” to “the simpler the better” or “less is more”. How does this drastic transformation make you perceive the fashion trend?
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Observe this following table. How much different were things back then compared to the present days? Use your ideas to complete the “Now” column, then contrast the “Then” with the “Now” using “would” or “used to”

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Then</th>
<th>Now</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Sent telegrams</td>
<td>Using chat applications</td>
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<td>2. Used candles</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>3. Bought physical toys</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>4. Travelled in carriages</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>5. Owned private vehicles</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>6. Wrote physical letters when applying for jobs</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>7. Wore long skirts and dresses</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>8. Had many children</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>9. Used flip phones</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>10. Bought and read magazines</td>
<td>....</td>
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<td>11. Knocked the door when visiting friend’s house</td>
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Example:

In the past, people would send actual telegrams to communicate/to exchange news. These days, people simply use chat applications.

Use provided pictures as insights.
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Listening 26.1
Listen to the recording carefully and answer these questions below.

1. What kind of “funny mistake” happened when Neil was trying to take a picture of him together with Catherine?
2. What question did Neil ask the listeners in the beginning of the recording?
3. How did Neil and Catherine describe these following types of cameras?
   - Compact cameras:
   - SLRs & DSLRs:
4. True or False:
   - BBC is asking a man named Phill Hall to give his thoughts on why smartphone cameras function better than standalone cameras
   - Phill Hall genuinely thinks that smartphone cameras will trump standalone cameras in no time
   - According to Phill Hall, the number of pocket camera sales has suffered a deep plunge
   - Phill Hall thinks that the camera market has shifted
5. According to Phill Hall, what kind of consumers would start considering standalone cameras? And why would they consider them?
6. What does “to opt for something” mean?
What is an appositive?
The word *appositive* comes from the Latin for *to put near*. An appositive is a noun or a phrase that adds extra information to the core of the sentence. Specifically, it identifies or further defines an existing noun or noun phrase within the sentence.

Appositives can be used with:
- Commas - \( \text{, } \)_________
- Parentheses (round brackets) - \( ( ) \)_________
- Dashes - \( - \)_________

**Trivia:**
Even if you omit the appositive in a sentence, it won’t change the main point of the sentence and the sentence will still be grammatically correct.

**Examples:**
- **Noun** Nickelodeon, **Appositive** an American children TV channel, was the most popular in the early 2000s
  The appositive is describing the noun that comes before it
- **Noun** Floppy disk **Appositive** (a square storage device) was mainly used from 1970s until the late 1990s
  The appositive is describing the noun that comes before it
- **Noun** Spice Girls **Appositive** the popular British girl group in the 90s- will go on tour in 2021
  The appositive is describing the noun that comes before it
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Transform each row into a full sentence with an appositive

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<th>Ex:</th>
<th>proven as hoax or scam</th>
<th>bracelet to improve balance and flexibility</th>
<th>Power balance</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>South Korean boy group consisting of 7 members</td>
<td>BTS</td>
<td>won TIME’S Entertainer of the Year 2020</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>adapted into countless animations, various types of games and a movie ever since its creation</td>
<td>a character of a Sega game</td>
<td>Sonic The Hedgehog</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Boba drinks</td>
<td>origin: Taiwan</td>
<td>becoming popular in 2019</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>most bought in early 2017, lost its popularity by the end of 2017</td>
<td>Fidget spinners</td>
<td>toy to release anxiety and help people to focus</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>photos sharing platform</td>
<td>got more attention than Facebook for these past few years</td>
<td>Instagram</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Michael Jordan</td>
<td>American basketball player</td>
<td>gained more recognition when starring in the 1996 flick “Space Jam”</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>meat made from plants</td>
<td>widely accepted by vegans and vegetarians</td>
<td>Plant based meat</td>
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Example:
Power Balance, a bracelet worn to improve balance and flexibility, has been proven as hoax or scam by scientists.
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**Idiomatic Expressions**

**Trends Related Idioms**

**A Thing Of The Past**
Something that no longer exists

Ex: The disease is mostly a thing of the past.

**Be/Come Out Of The Ark**
To be very old-fashioned

Ex: Her clothes were straight out of the ark.

**Be The New Something**
Something is now more popular than the thing it replaces

Ex: This season fashion designers have declared that brown is the new black.

**Be (All) The Rage**
To be very popular at a particular time

Ex: Internet shopping is now all the rage.
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Express Yourself

1. Are there any trends from the past you hope to make a comeback?
2. Are there any trends from the past you hope to never come back?
3. What sorts of trends do you think will develop in the near future?
4. Name trends that you have ever followed.
5. Are there any current trends that you don't like?
6. What’s the best craze you have ever experienced so far?
7. What factors do you think contribute to the dying of a craze?
8. Are there ever any trends that you actually consider to be harmful/dangerous/misleading? Name the trend(s) and state the reasons.
9. Why do you think that there’s such a thing called societal/peer pressure to follow a certain trend/craze?
10. Do you generally go where the trend goes or are you probably indifferent to any trends that ever exist?
Same word - different pronunciation

Read these sentences below and determine the correct pronunciation of the highlighted words.

1a. Can you please read that message for me?
1b. I have read your birthday wish for me. Thank you.

2a. The wind blows very strongly today.
2b. If you aren't careful lifting weights, you could wind up hurting yourself.

3a. How bad is his wound? Hopefully it’s not that bad.
3b. The poor guy wound up with a slug in his stomach.

4a. Can you please tear this shampoo for me?
4b. I found him in tears in his bedroom.

5a. They bow to the Queen.
5b. I tied the ribbon around the present in a pretty bow.

6a. I've asked Gemma to lead the discussion.
6b. Drinking water is supplied by old-fashioned lead pipes

7a. Look how cute those does are!
7b. She does her homework diligently
THE END