



Face mask fashion

Morning speech #2

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Hello beautiful people! I want to talk about something that has become popular all around the world because of COVID19. That's face masks! Now, wearing face masks might seem very normal to you living in Japan but in the west we don't wear face masks. Maybe only doctors and workers wear them for their work. If you are sick, you should cough into your elbow and always wash your hands. But now many people wear face masks to protect themselves and others from the virus. But just wearing a plain white one is not very exciting. Many people are starting to wear patterns and bright colours as a fashion accessory. People are matching the colour of their masks to their outfits. A fashion designer from Italy jokingly made the 'trikini' (a matching bikini and face mask set) but she got many orders and started to make them seriously.

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Many important people and leaders will carry multiple masks in a day if they change their outfits many times, because they want the mask to match the outfit. This idea of designer masks might seem silly, but for some it



makes living in a pandemic more cheerful and an additional way to express yourself. Some people even go as far as giving statues masks because it's becoming a 'norm'. For example, the Freddie Mercury statue in Switzerland can now be seen wearing a mask. This is a big change for western culture to get used to the idea of wearing masks!

What kind of fashionable masks have you seen lately?

Please choose the correct answer:

1) Who wears masks regularly in the west (before COVID19)? A) Doctors B) Workers C) Teachers D) Answers A and B	2) How have facemasks changed? A) They have become popular to wear B) They have many new patterns and colours C) They are a fashion accessory D) All of the above
3) Who designed the 'trikini'? A) Switzerland B) Japan C) An Italian designer D) Freddie Mercury	4) What is new about Freddie Mercury? A) His statue now has a mask B) A new statue was built in Switzerland C) He has become more popular D) He had a new movie come out