

A hoodie is a casual type of jumper which has a hood to cover your head. How has this sporty item of clothing become so popular all around the world?

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... an athlete          | a. a type of jumper, usually made of cotton, which people often wear to do sport |
| 2..... a myth              | b. a person who does a lot of sports, perhaps as a professional                  |
| 3..... a blank canvas      | c. an idea which a lot of people believe but which is not true                   |
| 4..... a sweatshirt        | d. to show that a given idea or belief is not true                               |
| 5..... to outlaw something | e. a piece of material which is completely white, before an artist paints on it  |
| 6..... to debunk something | f. expensive, extravagant and eye-catching                                       |
| 7..... flashy              | g. the condition of not being known  |
| 8..... anonymity           | h. to prohibit or ban something  |

### 1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best word or phrase to complete these sentences.

- The origin of the hoodie is from **sports / the workplace / university campuses** .
- It is **a fact / partially true / false** that 50–70 per cent of the heat from our bodies escapes through our heads.
- The hoodie is ideal for printing because it provides a big, **empty / colourful / rectangular** space for letters or pictures.
- The presenter says that the hoodie was designed to be comfortable, rather than **formal / expensive and obvious / cheap and low in quality** .
- Skateboarders sometimes wear hoodies so that they will be **inspired as artists / fashionable / hard to identify** .

6. The presenter says that some people think that wearing hoodies in public should not be encouraged / allowed / questioned .
7. The presenter mentions Mark Zuckerberg as an example of the similar / different / unique social prejudices towards people wearing hoodies.
8. In the presenter's opinion, the hoodie is comfortable, fashionable and practical / exclusive / universal .

**Discussion**

Do you often wear hoodies? What are the most popular items of clothing in your country?