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Compound adjectives

clean-shaven	/kliːn'ʃeɪvən/	accuratamente rasato	I hate beards and moustaches: clean-shaven men look much better.
easy-going	/iːzi'gəʊɪŋ/	facilmente accontentabile	Clothes don't matter to me. I'm very easy-going about what I wear.
middle-aged	/mɪdl'eɪdʒd/	di mezza età	I think middle-aged people who wear youth fashions look silly.
second-hand	/sekənd'hænd/	di seconda mano	Some people don't like wearing second-hand clothes.
short-lived	/ʃɔ:t'lɪvd/	di breve durata	Most fashions are so short-lived I can't be bothered to follow them.
well-off	/wel'ɒf/	ricco	I'd love to be well-off so I could spend what I like on clothes.
worn-out	/wɔ:n'aʊt/	usato	I don't mind clothes that are a bit worn-out if I feel comfortable in them.

Expression with *look*

by the look of it	/baɪ ðə 'lʊk əv ɪt/	a giudicare dall'aspetto	By the look of it , it could have been about ten years ago.
feminine-looking	/femənɪn'lʊkɪŋ/	femminile	Men tend to prefer women who wear feminine-looking clothes.
have a look	/hæv ə 'lʊk/	dare un'occhiata	I was having a look in the window of Next the other day.
look your best	/lʊk jə 'best/	avere il miglior aspetto possibile	You could try to look your best for once.
look through	/lʊk 'θruː/	dare una rapida occhiata	It'll only take a minute to look through .
looks (n pl)	/lʊks/	occhiate	I don't like the looks people give us when we're in a posh restaurant.
the (sth) look	/ðə 'lʊk/	stile, aspetto di	You want me to go for the Desperate Housewives look ?

Slang

airhead (n) C	/eə'hed/	testa vuota	Some people treated me like an airhead 'cos I was a model.
beat (adj)	/bi:t/	molto stanco	I was feeling beat because we'd been working non-stop for weeks.
blow (v)	/bləʊ/	sperperare	The money's good but I used to blow it all.
a drag (n s)	/ə 'dræg/	una scocciatura	The biggest drag is you have to be so passive.
dumb (adj)	/dʌm/	stupido	A lot of people think if you're a model, you have to be real dumb .
grand (n) C	/grænd/	mille dollari (o sterline)	You can make two or three grand in one week as a model.
nuts (adj)	/nʌts/	pazzo	I said 'Hey, I'm not gonna do that' and he went nuts .
psyched up (adj)	/saɪkt 'ʌp/	concentrato	I don't have the right kind of mentality – you have to be psyched up for catwalk jobs.

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Other words & phrases

abnormal (adj)	/æb'nɔ:ml/	anormale	Winona Ryder, another celebrity sufferer, blames her dysmorphia on the abnormal pressures of life she had to suffer as a teenage movie star.
accessory (n) C	/ək'sesəri/	accessorio	Nike succeeded in transforming the sports shoe into an essential fashion accessory .
aftershave (n) U	/ɑ:ftəʃeɪv/	dopobarba	Find out how often your classmates have bought aftershave or perfume.
anorexia (n) U	/ænə'reksɪə/	anoressia	Some of them suffer from medical conditions such as anorexia .
beard (n) C	/biəd/	barba	Do you like men with beards and moustaches?
big mouth (n) C	/bɪg ,maʊθ/	chiacchierone	This photographer, a real big mouth , he wanted me to bite a necklace, a pearl necklace.
blame (v)	/bleɪm/	addossare la colpa	Winona Ryder, another celebrity sufferer, blames her dysmorphia on the abnormal pressures of life she had to suffer as a teenage movie star.
blemish (n) C	/bleɪmɪʃ/	difetto	You're more likely to notice a blemish on perfect skin.
bothered (adj)	/bʊðəd/	seccato	I don't think your parents are terribly bothered what I look like.
brand (n) C	/brænd/	marca	Nike is a very famous brand of sports clothing.
brandy (n) C / U	/brændi/	brandy	I once did an advertisement for brandy .
bully (n) C	/bʊli/	bullo	People who suffer from the syndrome may want to show the school bully how far they've come.
catwalk (n) C	/kæt,wɔ:k/	passerella	You have to be mentally prepared to do the catwalk work.
chuck (v)	/tʃʌk/	buttare	The next time I see that fleece, I'm going to chuck it in the bin.
commune (n) C	/kəmju:n/	comune	Some people lived in easy-going communes , others followed Eastern religions and many turned to drugs, which claimed the lives of musical heroes like Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin.
compensate (v)	/kɒmpən'seɪt/	compensare	People suffering from the syndrome become obsessed with these imaginary physical defects and will do anything to hide them or compensate for them.
complexion (n) C	/kəm'plekʃn/	carnagione	He has a tanned, healthy complexion .
compulsive (adj)	/kəm'pʌlsɪv/	compulsivo, incontrollabile	In men, it can take the special form of 'muscle dysmorphia' a syndrome driving more and more men to compulsive exercising.
conquer (v)	/kɒŋkə/	vincere, superare	It can be very difficult to conquer an eating disorder.
corporate (adj)	/kɔ:p(ə)rət/	industriale e finanziaria	Disillusioned with corporate America, many young Americans in the late 1960s adopted an alternative lifestyle and came to be known as 'hippies'.

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counterpart (n) C	/kauntəˌpɑ:t/	pari età	Young people in Britain soon copied the hippie style of their American counterparts .
crave (v)	/kreɪv/	desiderare ardentemente	People who crave fame and attention often have hidden agendas.
cynical (adj)	/sɪnɪkl/	cinico	Johnny Rotten was the sneering, cynical leader of the Sex Pistols.
dare (v)	/deə/	osare	Don't you dare throw my fleece in the bin!
deep-rooted (adj)	/di:p'ru:tɪd/	radicato	Eating disorders are caused by deep-rooted insecurities.
defect (n) C	/di:fekt/	difetto	Sufferers become obsessed with imagined physical defects .
denim (n) U	/denɪm/	denim, di cotone	Hippies wore flared denim jeans and loose tops.
disapproval (n) U	/dɪsə'pru:vl/	disapprovazione	Inspired by the newspaper stories and by the disapproval of their parents, young people across the country adopted the new fashion very quickly.
disillusioned (adj)	/dɪsɪ'lu:ʒnd/	disilluso	Disillusioned with corporate America, many young Americans in the late 1960s adopted an alternative lifestyle and came to be known as 'hippies'.
dye (v)	/daɪ/	tingere	She has dyed her hair black and purple.
dysmorphia (n) U	/dɪs'mɔ:fiə/	dismorfismo	Muscle dysmorphia is a syndrome that drives men to compulsive exercising.
estranged (adj)	/ɪ'streɪndʒd/	lontano, alienato	They want to show the school bully how far they've come, they want to make their estranged father proud of them.
ethnic (adj)	/eθnɪk/	etnico	Ethnic , Indian-inspired jewellery and clothes were 'in', with flared denim jeans and loose tops with flowery or psychedelic patterns.
fit in (v)	/fɪt 'ɪn/	inserirsi	Uma Thurman felt insecure about her looks at school and that she didn't fit in .
flared (adj)	/fleəd/	svasato	Hippies wore flared denim jeans and loose tops.
fleece (n) / (adj)	/fli:s/	pelliccia (n); di pelle di pecora (agg.)	I wish you wouldn't wear that dirty old fleece in posh restaurants!
formerly (adv)	/fɔ:məli/	un tempo	Fleece jackets are very popular in Britain in the winter.
frustrated (adj)	/frʌ'streɪtɪd/	frustrato	Geri Halliwell was formerly known as Ginger Spice.
Goth (n) C	/gɒθ/	goto	In fact, the worst were the photographers, frustrated artists who don't want to be doing advertisements, they can be a real drag.
grease (n) U	/gri:s/	brillantina	Goths first came on the scene in the early 1980s as punk fashions became more and more uniform.
heritage (n) U	/herɪtɪdʒ/	tradizione	Teds used hair grease to make their hair stand in a quiff.
incomprehensible (adj)	/ɪn,kɒmpri-'hensəbl/	incomprensibile	The article 'The Lost Tribes of London' celebrates the rich heritage of Britain's youth culture.
			The pressure on celebrities can be incomprehensible to ordinary people.

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insecure (adj)	/ɪnsɪˈkjʊə/	insicuro
inspire (v)	/ɪnˈspaɪə/	ispirare
involvement (n) U	/ɪnˈvɒlvmənt/	coinvolgimento
keep your cool	/ki:p jə ˈku:l/	conservare la calma
linen (n) U	/ˈlɪnɪn/	lino
lipstick (n) C	/ˈlɪpˌstɪk/	rossetto
loose (adj)	/lu:s/	largo
manifestation (n) C	/ˌmænɪfeɪˈsteɪʃn/	manifestazione
never-ending (adv)	/ˌnevəˈendɪŋ/	interminabile
pearl (n) C / U	/pɜ:l/	perla
phase (n) C	/feɪz/	fase, periodo
photo shoot (n) C	/ˈfəʊtəʊ ˌʃu:t/	servizio fotografico
photogenic (adj)	/ˈfəʊtəʊdʒenɪk/	fotogenico
piercing (n) C	/ˈprɪəsɪŋ/	piercing
pimple (n) C	/ˈpɪmpl/	brufolo
ponytail (n) C	/ˈpɒniˌteɪl/	pettinatura a coda di cavallo
portrayal (n) C	/pɔːˈtreɪəl/	descrizione
posh (adj)	/pɒʃ/	di lusso
provocative (adj)	/prəˈvɒkətɪv/	provocatorio
psychedelic (adj)	/ˌsaɪkəˈdelɪk/	psichedelico

She has felt **insecure** about her looks since her school days.

Inspired by the newspaper stories and by the disapproval of their parents, young people across the country adopted the new fashion very quickly.

Hippies were disillusioned with their country's **involvement** in the Vietnam War.

The photographer went nuts so you have to **keep your cool** as a model.

Those black **linen** jackets would go well with my white jacket.

Goths wear heavy black make-up and black **lipstick**.

Hippies wore flared denim jeans and **loose** tops.

Teddy boys and girls (teds) began appearing on the streets of Britain in the early 1950s and they were one of the first **manifestations** of youth culture.

The second half of the twentieth century saw a **never-ending** stream of fashions.

Pearls are found in oysters and have become popular in fashion.

This photographer, a real big mouth, he wanted me to bite a necklace, a **pearl** necklace.

Punks were just one **phase** of a series of youth tribes.

I started with some **photo shoots** and then did a few catwalk jobs.

One day he said, 'You're really **photogenic**. You could be a model.'

Despite the postcards in the souvenir shops of extravagantly hairstyled punks with their studded leather jackets and nose **piercings**, punk died as an expression of youth culture more than twenty years ago.

If you're on a set and you have a **pimple**, they have to switch the lighting.

Teddy girls wore American-style **ponytails**.

As a result of their **portrayal** in the press, it was often thought that Goths worshipped the devil.

I don't like the looks people give us when we're in a **posh** restaurant.

They wore ripped or scruffy clothes, T-shirts with **provocative** slogans, and studs or safety pins as jewellery.

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puberty (n) U	/ˈpjʊːbəti/	pubertà
punk (n) C	/pʌŋk/	punk
quiff (n) C	/kwɪf/	ciuffo
range (v)	/reɪndʒ/	gamma
rejection (n) C / U	/rɪˈdʒekʃən/	rifiuto
requirement (n) C	/rɪˈkwaɪəmənt/	requisito
riot (n) C	/raɪət/	disordine
rough (adj)	/rʌf/	vedersela brutta
safety pin (n) C	/ˈseɪfti ˌpɪn/	spilla di sicurezza
scruffy (adj)	/ˈskrʌfi/	trasandato
skinny (adj)	/ˈskɪni/	magro
slogan (n) C	/ˈsləʊɡən/	slogan
sneer (v)	/ˈsniə/	sorridere beffardamente
spot (n) C	/spɒt/	brufolo
spotlight (n) C / U	/ˈspɒtˌlaɪt/	riflettore, luce della ribalta
stream (n) C	/striːm/	flusso
stud (n) C	/stʌd/	borchia
studded (adj)	/ˈstʌdɪd/	ornato di borchie
stunning (adj)	/ˈstʌnɪŋ/	affascinante
susceptible to (adj)	/səˈseptəbl tuː/	predisposto a
swear (v)	/sweə/	imprecare

Going through **puberty** on screen is extremely difficult.

Punks wore studded leather jackets and had nose piercings.

The Sex Pistols were a well-known **punk** band.

Teddy boys wore their hair greased back with a prominent **quiff** at the front.

A whole **range** of clothes will be developed that can integrate electronics with fabrics.

They showed their **rejection** of Western material values by turning to the East.

The first **requirement** for being a model is to have a beautiful or interesting face.

Teds took part in the violent London **riots** of 1958.

You can have a **rough** time if you don't do exactly what they want.

Punks wore **safety pins** as jewellery.

They also wore ripped or **scruffy** clothes.

Movies which star **skinny**, young blondes give the wrong message to young people.

Punks wore T-shirts with provocative **slogans**.

Johnny Rotten was the **sneering**, cynical leader of the Sex Pistols.

Her hair was dirty and she had a **spot** on her chin.

Spotlights are used to add more illumination, often on theatre stages.

It's often insecurities that drive celebrities into the **spotlight**.

The second half of the twentieth century saw a never-ending **stream** of fashions.

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Stunning actress Uma Thurman surprised her fans by confessing she thought she was fat and ugly.

'Often the insecurities that leave celebrities **susceptible to** Imagined Ugly Syndrome are the same ones that drive them into the spotlight,' explains Glenn.

The Sex Pistols shocked the country with their appearance and their **swearing**.

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syndrome (n) C	/ˈsɪndrəʊm/	sindrome	This syndrome causes people normally thought of as being extremely attractive to look in the mirror and see faults in their faces and figures that no one else can see.
tabloid (n) C	/ˈtæblɔɪd/	tabloid, giornale scandalistico	Everyone from tabloid journalists to make-up artists comments on every aspect of your face and body.
tanned (adj)	/tænd/	abbronzato	A tanned , healthy complexion is very attractive.
tight (adj)	/taɪt/	aderente	She was wearing a tight , black T-shirt with the word 'Lost' in blood-red letters.
treat (v)	/tri:t/	trattare	Some people treated me like an airhead 'cos I was a model.
tribe (n) C	/traɪb/	tribù	Punks were just one phase of a series of youth tribes , each distinguished by different clothes, hairstyles and tastes in music.
velvet (n) U	/ˈvelvɪt/	velluto	Teds wore knee-length velvet jackets.
waistcoat (n) C	/ˈweɪstˌkəʊt/	gilet	They also wore flowery waistcoats .
wide-collared (adj)	/ˈwaɪdˌkɒləd/	dal colletto ampio	They wore the flowery waistcoats with wide-collared shirts.
worship (v) / (n) U	/ˈwɜːʃɪp/	adorare (v); culto (n)	It was often thought that Goths worshipped the devil. Synagogues are a place of worship for Jewish people.