



WORST DRESSED CITIES IN THE WORLD



We've read all about what's cool and popular. But now let's look at some cities that have no fashion sense. Read the following article on the cities with the worst dressed people.

1. Beijing, China

For many things China is the most advanced nation in the world, but fashion is definitely not one of them. One reason for the terrible fashion is the extremely bright colours. When you walk down the streets of Beijing, you'll see the majority of people with bright orange, green and yellow shirts. Also, the shirts usually have cliché American slogans on them like: "I'm your Superman" or "Keep Calm". Another reason for the bad fashion sense is the many accessories Chinese people wear.



2. Bucharest, Romania

When you walk around the streets of Bucharest, you will probably see men wearing leather sports jackets. For some reason, people in Easter Europe love wearing these out-of-fashion pieces of clothing. Also, the people in Bucharest love wearing **acid-washed denim**. Acid-washed denim was quite popular in America during the early '90s, but is definitely not anymore. In Bucharest, however, acid-washed light blue jeans can be found just about everywhere.

3. Dublin, Ireland

We all know that Ireland is one of the most beautiful countries in the world. But we cannot say the same thing for its fashion. If you walk around Dublin, you will surely see people in **tracksuits**. Tracksuits are often very comfortable and convenient, but it makes the person seem lazy and **messy**. Another reason for its low fashion ranking is all the **flannel**. Too many men and women wear flannel clothing from head to toe. This makes everything look very confusing on the streets.



4. Hamilton, Canada

One of the biggest reasons Hamilton, Ontario is on the list is the lack of individuality. Everybody conforms and dresses the same way. Boring jeans and plain shirts are the standard in Hamilton. Also, too many citizens of Hamilton like to dress in very dark colours. This makes you feel sad and depressed as you walk the streets of the city.

5. Helsinki, Finland

The biggest fashion **offence** men make in Helsinki is wearing sweaters with shorts. This is a combination that is difficult to understand. Another mistake people from Helsinki make when dressing is the use of skinny jeans. Skinny jeans are popular all over the world, but in Helsinki the jeans are *too* skinny.



GLOSSARY

acid-washed denim: l'espressione "acid-washed" indica una particolare colorazione dei jeans.

tracksuits: tute da ginnastica.

messy: disordinata.

flannel: flanella.

offence: offesa, oltraggio.

(Adapted from <http://www.bows-n-ties.com/mens-fashion-tips>)



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Multiple choice

After reading the article circle the correct answer A, B, or C.

- 1) What do Chinese people wear on their shirts?
 - a. Stereotyped American phrases.
 - b. Funny American phrases.
 - c. Bright American phrases.
- 2) What does the writer say men in Easter-Europe usually wear?
 - a. Acid-washed denim.
 - b. Leather jeans.
 - c. Leather sports jackets.
- 3) How does the writer describe tracksuits?
 - a. Comfortable but convenient.
 - b. Lazy but messy.
 - c. Comfortable but lazy.
- 4) What word best describes the fashion situation in Hamilton?
 - a. Conformity.
 - b. Individuality.
 - c. Colourful.
- 5) What fashion mistake do Helsinki men make?
 - a. Scarfs and sweaters.
 - b. Shorts and sweaters.
 - c. Skinny jeans and sweaters.

TYPES OF FABRIC

Match the fabric with correct picture.

- a) Wool b) Denim c) Silk d) Cotton e) Leather



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