Clothes now and then. Teacher’s sheet
Language topic: Clothing vocabulary, present and past simple and continuous tenses
Level: B1

This sheet is to be used in class before or after a visit to the museum. Please feel free to photocopy for your group.

Photo 1 shows a modern family visiting on Mothering Sunday (hence the daffodils which are given out to all mothers/grandmothers on that day).
Photo 2 shows first visitors to the museum on the opening day in September 1970.
Photo 3 shows images of historic clothing, which has been made at the museum in recent years, based on historical research. It has been produced by a group of volunteers and staff to wear in some of the buildings (including the Tudor farmhouse and kitchen although there may not be someone wearing the historic clothing every day).

Some notes about the Tudor clothing on the second page. Students are make observations.

- The ladies’ hair is covered, the man is also covering his head
- The shoes are make completely from leather, including the sole
- Skirts are ankle length with an apron on top
- The clothes are of course made from all natural materials (wool and linen)
- The use of natural dyes, many of which were plant-based.
- People would have had few sets of clothes so would have valued and mended them, let them out or replaced sleeves etc.

For further information on the historic clothing project see the museum magazine from Spring 2008: [http://www.wealddown.co.uk/News/Museum-magazines-1972-present-in-pdf-format](http://www.wealddown.co.uk/News/Museum-magazines-1972-present-in-pdf-format) (p.3)

Or see a YouTube clip: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igF4ZSz8tQc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igF4ZSz8tQc)

We have a blog on Tudor life and a page on historic clothing: [http://bayleaf1542.wordpress.com/bayleaf-house/historic-clothing/](http://bayleaf1542.wordpress.com/bayleaf-house/historic-clothing/)

Continuation project idea: Expanding the task on clothing 100 years from now to discuss and present ideas in class.

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Clothing then and now

Look at the picture below. They are visitors at the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum. What clothes are these people wearing?

These people are also visitors. What are the differences between the photos? Which year do you think the photo was taken?
The people in these photos work at the museum and wear historical clothing to show what normal people in England wore in the 1500s.

Make a note of what you notice about what is...

on their head?

on their feet?

the length of the clothes?

the colours?

anything else?
Draw and write a description of what people will wear 100 years from now. How will clothing in the future be different to our clothes? What will people be doing, where will they live and how will their clothes reflect this?