

September Trivia Questions and Answers

1. **Who is considered to be the inventor of denim jeans?**

Levi Strauss. **Levi Strauss** began making Levi's jeans in 1873. They are said to be the most recognizable clothing in the world. Today, Levi's jeans are available in more than 110 countries.

2. **What fashion accessory was rising in sales until the material was needed to make parachutes during World War II?**

Nylon stockings. Nylon stockings first debuted at the 1939 New York World's Fair. They went on sale in 1940 but production stopped when the U.S. entered World War II. During this time, some women opted to wear cotton socks or apply makeup to the leg to create the illusion of nylon stockings.

3. **What actress was called "The Sweater Girl" due to the form-fitting attire she wore in her first film, appropriately titled *They Won't Forget*, from 1937?**

Lana Turner. Although she hated the nickname "The Sweater Girl," **Lana Turner** made the tight-fitting sweater a trademark.

4. **What black and white shoes were fashionable in the 1950s?**

Saddle shoes

5. **What skirt, most commonly embroidered with the image of a dog, is a symbol of the 1950s?**

Poodle skirt. The poodle skirt and saddle shoes are two of the most memorable symbols of the 1950s.

6. **What style of pants were a fashion steal from the traditional navy uniform?**

Bell-bottoms. Bell-bottoms became fashionable during the 1960s when some young people began buying surplus navy bell-bottoms from military surplus stores. Designers took notice and began to market trendy bell-bottoms.

7. **What is the name of the skirt with a hemline well above the knee?**
Miniskirt. London fashion designer **Mary Quant** created the miniskirt in 1965.
8. **What style of hat did Jackie Kennedy make fashionable?**
Pillbox hat. **Oleg Cassini** designed Jackie Kennedy's pillbox hats in the 1960s and helped Jackie Kennedy become a fashion icon.
9. **According to a 1966 Nancy Sinatra song, what type of footwear "are made for walkin"?**
Boots. **Nancy Sinatra** is the daughter of Frank Sinatra. "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'" is her signature song. Do you know the **song**?
10. **What type of 1950's slim skirt was named for a writing implement?**
Pencil skirt
11. **What colorful shirts became popular after servicemen returned from the Pacific after World War II?**
Hawaiian shirts. Even President Harry S. Truman regularly wore Hawaiian shirts in the White House.
12. **What men's suit, popular in the 1930s and 1940s, had tapered, tight-cuffed pants and a long coat with wide lapels**
Zoot suit. The zoot suit also had a watch chain dangling from the belt to the knee, then back to a side pocket. Zoot suiters also wore pointy shoes and a felt hat with a long feather.
13. **What is the name of the most famous 1950's Hermes handbag named for the Princess of Monaco?**
The Kelly bag. A photo of Grace Kelly with the bag appeared in *Life* magazine soon after her marriage to Prince Rainer. The bag was renamed the Kelly bag.
14. **What is the name of the hip-length tailored coat created in India?**
Nehru jacket. In 1964, the first prime minister of independent India, **Jawaharlal Nehru**, appeared in *Vogue* magazine wearing

this traditional jacket. The jacket became popular soon after. The Beatles also wore Nehru jackets in the '60s.

15. **What early 1900's style of baggy-kneed pants was out of style for everyone but baseball players by the 1940s?**
Knickerbockers. One of the first baseball teams was named the New York Knickerbockers. The name of the basketball team the New York Knicks is short for "knickerbockers."
16. **What is the name of the close-fitting, bell-shaped hat, popularized in the 1920s by flappers?**
Cloche. Cloche means "bell" in French.
17. **What is the alliterative name of the calf-length women's pants that were popular, first with cyclists, during the 1950s?**
Pedal pushers. This style was first used by cyclists, hence the name pedal pusher.
18. **What hat did Dean Martin, Buster Keaton, and Robert Oppenheimer popularize?**
The porkpie hat. It is named porkpie because of its resemblance to the porkpie, a British meat pie.
19. **What black and white checked pattern is a traditional staple of a chef's uniform?**
Houndstooth. Houndstooth originated in Scotland, and was popularized by Edward VIII when he was the Prince of Wales. It's origin with a chef's attire, no one knows for sure.
20. **What island was the bikini named after?**
Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. **Bikini Atoll** was the site of nuclear testing in July 1946. Some say the two-piece bathing suit was named "bikini" because of the explosive effect it had on the viewer.
21. **What is the "edible" name for a double-breasted wool navy jacket?**
Pea coat
22. **What famed French fashion designer created the "New**

Look" in 1947?

Christian Dior. **Dior** owned one of the world's top fashion houses in Paris and was largely responsible for Paris being named the fashion capital of the world.

23. **Who starred in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and was the celebrity muse of French designer Hubert de Givenchy?**

Audrey Hepburn. **Givenchy**, who also designed Hepburn's wardrobe in *Sabrina* (1954), even created a perfume for the actress. The designer had many famous clients including Grace Kelly, Greta Garbo, Lauren Bacall, and Ingrid Bergman.

24. **What Western-type tie, also called a shoelace tie, is made with a cord and sliding clasp?**

Bolo tie

25. **What is another name for women's formal evening gloves, which takes its name from a specific art form?**

Opera gloves

26. **Who became a fashion icon when she married Edward VIII after his abdication?**

Wallis Warfield Simpson. **Wallis Simpson** spent a lot of time in Paris and was friendly with French fashion designers Hubert de Givenchy and Marc Bohan.

27. **What Thomas Burberry coat was designed for British soldiers and got its name during World War I?**

Trench coat. The original design of the trench coat included loops for storing hand grenades.

28. **Which pattern, named for an Eastern European dance, was popular in the 1950s?**

Polka dot

29. **What reptile skin was used for bags and shoes when leather production was restricted to military use during World War II?**

Alligator

30. **What military-style jacket, named for the five-star general**

and 34th U.S. President, was popular in the '40s?

The Eisenhower jacket. The **Eisenhower jacket** was a waist length woolen jacket. It is also called the "Ike" jacket.

31. **Name one movie star from the 1950s who made jeans a global fashion statement**
Possible answers include Elvis Presley, James Dean, and Marlon Brando. After James Dean popularized jeans in *Rebel Without a Cause* (1955), they became a symbol of teenage rebellion.
32. **What traditional garment of Japan literally means "thing to wear" in Japanese?**
Kimono
33. **What tight-collared sweaters were stereotypically worn by "Beatniks" of the 1950s and '60s?**
Turtlenecks. **Beatniks** are often associated with a black turtleneck.
34. **Popular in the 1960s, what type of garment looks like a skirt but is, in fact, pants?**
Culottes. The word means "breeches" in French.
35. **What color of suede shoes did Elvis Presley sing about?**
Blue. Although Elvis made "Blue Suede Shoes" a hit, **Carl Perkins** wrote and first recorded the song in 1955.