

Traditional and Modern Clothing

Chapter 8: Clothes — How Things are Made · Topic 2

Key Concept

Traditional Indian clothing includes sarees, dhotis, kurtas, and lehengas, each varying by region and often worn during festivals or special occasions.

Modern clothing, like jeans, t-shirts, and western dresses, has become common for everyday wear, especially in cities, influenced by global fashion.

Many people combine traditional and modern styles, like wearing a kurta with jeans, showing how fashion can blend cultural influences.

Both traditional and modern clothing reflect India's evolving culture, and choosing what to wear is often a personal expression of identity and comfort.

Quick Revision Notes

- Traditional Indian clothing includes sarees, dhotis and kurtas.
- Traditional clothing varies by region.
- Modern clothing includes jeans, t-shirts and western dresses.
- Modern clothing is influenced by global fashion.
- Many people combine traditional and modern styles.
- A kurta with jeans is an example of blended fashion.
- Clothing reflects India's evolving culture.
- Clothing choice can express personal identity.

Practice Questions

- 1 Find a traditional and a modern clothing item at home.
- 2 Research a traditional clothing style from a state you don't know much about.
- 3 Discuss why people mix traditional and modern clothing.
- 4 Draw a picture of traditional and modern clothing side by side.
- 5 Ask a family member about traditional clothing they wear for festivals.
- 6 Discuss what your clothing choices express about you.