

# THAT 'S COOL!!!!!!

Read what the students of 2B/L think about "being cool" in Italy today....

What does it mean? it means to be "in", to be "fashionable" to be "trendy". So if you want to look really special you should wear large clothes, and high heeled shoes that at the moment are very "in". You can also decide to have your ears and eyebrows pierced, but if you like the latest things put some colourful strass on your body. Another really "cool" thing is the mobile phone that you can use also to send sms to your friends!!!. Finally if you are looking for some place where to eat something, have a meal at Mc Donald's; American fast food is now very trendy!

*Alessandra Bastianelli*

To be "cool" : what does it mean? To look "cool" is to be "trendy", to be "in"; infact this word means "fashionable", "beautiful"....

I've read that In Britain, teenagers to look "cool" wear T-shirt with American characters like "South Park", "The Simpson" or they have their ears, chin, eyebrows pierced and they have tattoos to decorate their body!

In Italy too, boys and girls wear trendy clothes like jeans, T-shirts to look fashionable and they colour their hair!

According to me *to be cool* means to follow fashion but without losing one's personality!

So, if you want to look cool you can wear designer labels like D&G clothes, but you can also wear jeans, T-shirts, color sweaters and big scarves and you can wear rings or necklaces.

Then, you can have your ears, your nose or your eyebrows pierced and you can decorate your body with tattoos.

If you're "into" the music you can listen to English or American boy bands like "The Offspring", "Green Day" or of girls bands like "All Saints", in fact Italian music is not very cool in Italy!

What about me? I like listening to pop and rock music and I love going to the cinema or to the pubs or Mc Donald's with my friends. I wear jeans but I don't love designer labels very much.

*Elisa Capobianco*

For teenagers it's important to look fashionable or "COOL". In my country there are many things that teenagers wear or do to be cool. In Italy fashion is very important for most boys and girls...actually they feel 'in' if they wear larger trousers, T-shirt designer labels by ENERGIE, GAS, DIESEL... shoes like Dr. Martins, ART, PUMA, CAT...

You are funny when you have piercing on lips, ears, nose...or if you have many tattoos on your shoulders or ankles...

But young people love mobile phones and mopeds because they are trendy...

As to me, I love piercing on ears, eyebrows.. but unfortunately my parents don't like them!!! So I can't do tattoos!!!

But Remember APPEARENCE IS NOT IMPORTANT!!!!

Serena Riccetti

What does *to be cool* mean for teenagers?

In my country there are many things that the youngest must or mustn't do to look fashionable or "in". Most of them follow all that is new in fashion, clothing and music, also influenced by television publicity and famous people; actually, television has the most important role in their choices.

Today teenagers are attracted by all that is technology, like mobile phones or computers, but I can't say exactly what the coolest things to wear are right now in my country. I only know that appearance is important if you want to be part of a group. People don't mind your interior side; they only look at what a person look like.

Noviello Maria Elisa

In Morocco, for teenagers it is important to look fashinable or "cool".

In my country, if you want to be cool, yuo must wear trendy clothes, like large trousers, jeans, T-shirts with characters like Leonardo DI Caprio, or American cartoons; you should wear high-heeled shoes. You must have long, blond hair.

If you want to be in fashion you must have tattoos either on your hands or in your legs.

You can listen to music of American and English singers, like Backstreet Boys, Ricky Martin, Britny Spears ....also Egyptian singers are very cool at the moment .

In your free time you can go out with your friends, you can meet them at pubs or at bars; after you go to a disco, to Mc Donald's or to a pizzeria .

Finally, if you want to do shopping, you can buy designer clothes or shoes...

In this moment mobilephones are very important objects both for boys and girls.

These are the things that teenagers in my country wear and do to be cool, but fashion always changes.

Sadouk Awatif

What does "cool" mean?

To be cool is to be "in", to listen to pop or rock music, to have a tattoo or piercing on each part of the body. So, this means being fashionable.

In Italy a person that has a t-shirt with American cartoons (The Simpson, South Park etc..) is "cool".

To be cool is to wear long trousers, black and grey clothes, rings, have hands hennaed, to listen to groups such as Bon Jovi, Placebo, to go to the cinema, to the disco or stay with friends.

If you want to be cool you mustn't listen to classical music, wear too elegant clothes or use a refined language !!!!!

Luca Catarinicchia

Andrea Bertoncini

If you want to be in fashion in Italy you must go against the stream! It's very cool now! So, wear strange clothes like ponchos or large and coloured sweaters but don't forget oriental culture: it's really fashionable. Love Indian clothes and buy a lot of sweet-smelling incense. It's very relaxing to smell incense while you are reading or taking your bath! But if you also like tattoos have your ankles and your shoulders hennaed with tribal pictures! They are beautiful and interesting, you know?!

After that pierce your mouth! ...BUT, REMEMBER!!! APPEARANCE ISN'T SO IMPORTANT! Many young people believe that to be accepted by their friends they must look like them, but I think, this isn't really friendship! Differences are better than being conformist!

Finally, but it's the main thing to do, always say your ideas and don't try to judge who has different thoughts from you: people hate it!!!

...and so, open your mind!!

Sara Della Vista