

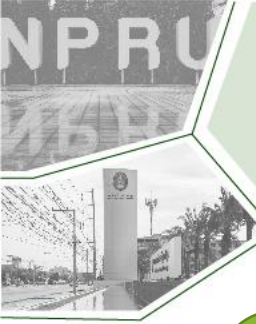


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Course Outline

Unit 1: Time for a new look!

Unit 2: My life would be great!

Unit 3: What would you have done?

Unit 4: Anything's possible.

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(Wilson, 2022)



Course Outline: Unit 1

Unit 1 : Part I

Vocabulary: Physical appearance
Grammar: Have/ get something done

Reading technique: Skimming

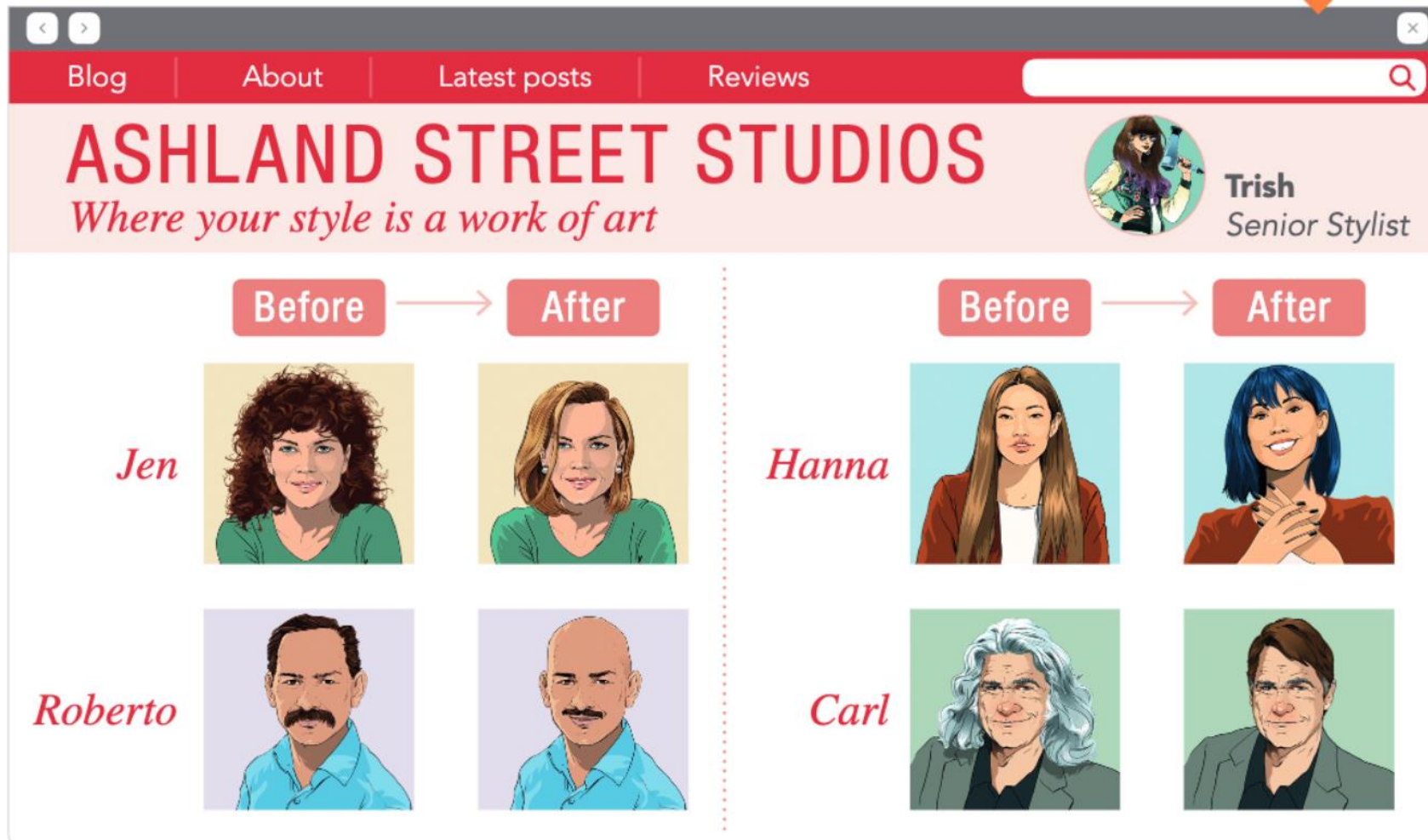
Unit 1 : Part II

Writing: Write an online conversation about changes to appearance

Speaking: Talk about your appearance
Pronunciation: Reduced vowel /ə/
(schwa)

(Wilson, 2022)

Vocabulary: Physical appearance



(Wilson, 2020)

Vocabulary: Physical appearance

Trish straightened Jen's hair and gave her highlight. She also pierced Jen's ears.

Trish shaved Roberto's head and trimmed his mustache.

Jen



Roberto



straighten

highlight

pierce

shave

trim

Vocabulary: Physical appearance

Trish dyed Hanna's hair blue and gave her a manicure.

Hanna



dye

manicure

Trish cut Carl's hair and dyed it brown.

Carl



cut

dye

Grammar: Have/ get something done

Have / get something done

We use *have / get* + object + past participle when we ask someone else to do something for us.

- *I'm going to have my hair cut.* (= Someone else is going to cut my hair.)
- *She got her nails done.* (= Someone else did her nails.)

In the structure *have / get* + object + past participle, *have* and *get* function as main verbs.

| Subject | have / get | Object | past participle |
|---------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| I | have | my car | washed. |
| You | get | your hair | dyed. |
| He | has | his house | painted. |
| She | gets | her computer | fixed. |

Grammar: Have/ get something done

The object always comes between the main verb (*have / get*) and the past participle.

- *She is going to have her hair dyed. (She is going to have dyed her hair.)*

We can use *have / get* + object + past participle to talk about events in the present, past, and future.

- *I have my hair cut every month.*
- *I'm having my nails done.*
- *I've had my hair dyed several times.*
- *I got my car washed yesterday.*
- *I'm going to get my beard trimmed.*
- *Where do you get your hair cut?*
- *Why are you having your nails done?*
- *Have you ever had your hair dyed?*
- *Did you get the car washed?*
- *Are you going to get your beard trimmed?*

(Wilson, 2020)




Reading technique: Skimming

What is skimming?

Iris Reading (2022) stated that Skimming means quickly reading the text to get only its main idea. To skim effectively, you need to read only a part of the material.


You have already encountered skimming: when reading a long chapter of a book or doing research on a long article. In such case, you would probably read the first sentences of each paragraph, dropping down to the end of the paragraph.

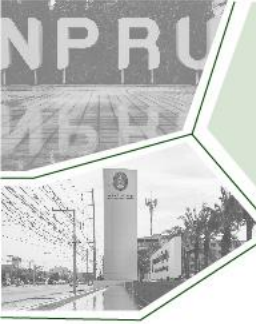




Reading technique: Skimming

How to skim?

1. Read the first paragraph attentively to get an idea of what will be discussed in the text.
 2. Read the first (and sometimes the second) sentence of each paragraph - they give the main idea of the paragraph.
 3. After you have read the first sentences, your eyes should drop down to the end of the paragraph, looking for important pieces of information, such as dates and names.
 4. Read the last paragraph attentively as it may contain the summary.
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Married in Manhattan

A blog about living in the city by Rachel and Jed

A Double Makeover?

Would you let your **spouse** dress you for a week? It's a test of true love and it requires having **faith** that the person you married wants you to look your best. But why take a chance?

Apparently, everyone else is doing it! That's what my husband Jed says. He works in the fashion industry, and having your partner dress you is a way to rethink your **wardrobe**. So we decided to give it a go.

Day one was a workday. I started with Jed's favorite **plaid** shirt. I paired it with blue jeans and ankle-high boots, and to accessorize, I added a red scarf and some mirrored sunglasses. Jed nodded. He was going to have lunch with friends, and he said it was just the right amount of casual.

When it was my turn, Jed pulled a brown leather skirt from the back of my closet and matched it with a navy and white blouse. I was surprised by the combination, but I liked the effect. I went off to a business meeting feeling more interesting than usual.

Next, we decided to try dressing each other for a party downtown. That upped the challenge because Jed's fashion friends would be there. Nervously, I opened his closet, closed my eyes, and picked a shirt. It was pink. I paired it with black jeans and a green jacket. Jed raised his eyebrows. I quickly exchanged the jacket for a more **subtle** gray one.

Then Jed surprised me with a dress from one of his fashion shoots. It was a beautiful deep turquoise with a **loose** flowing skirt. I liked his choice for jewelry: a colorful beaded necklace. I felt **chic** and comfortable. But Jed looked at me with a critical eye.

"You would look fantastic with red hair," he said.

"I'll do it if you get your beard shaved off," I responded.

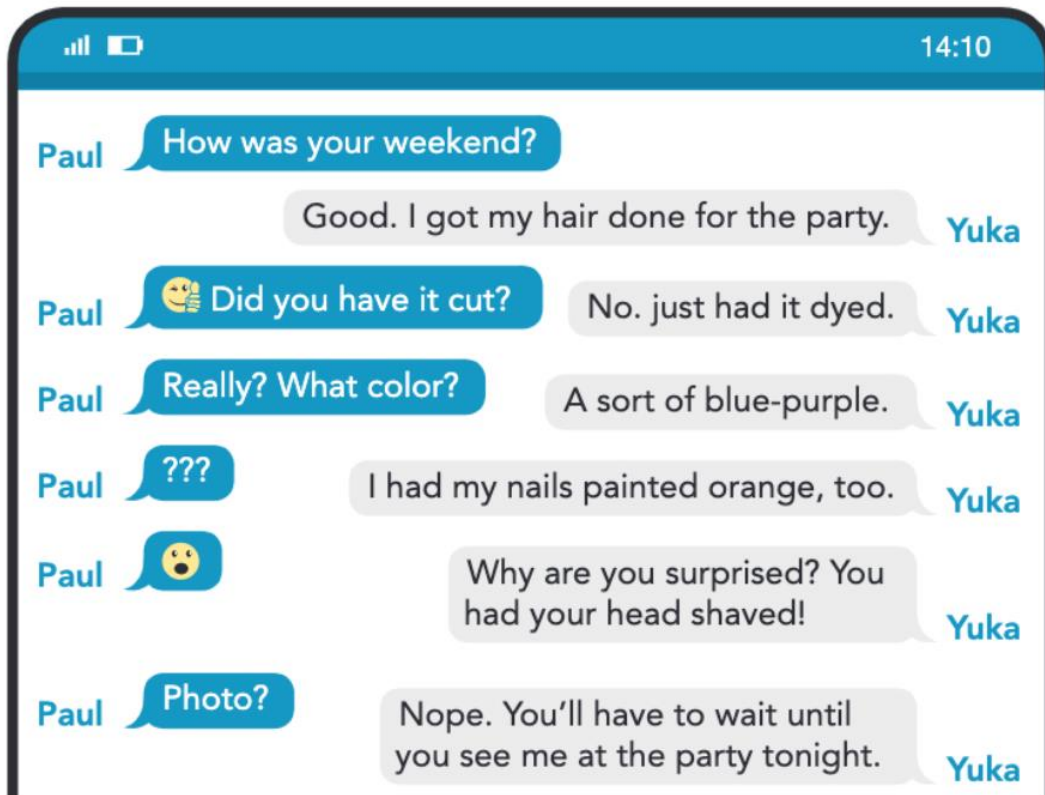
So we went to a salon, and I got my hair dyed bright red, and Jed got his beard shaved off. Pleased, we walked all the way downtown to the party. We had a great time, and I realized that interesting clothes start conversations. The experiment was a success, so we may do it again next week!

(Wilson, 2020)



Writing: Write an online conversation

- 1 Read this online conversation. Then write a conversation about real or imaginary things you've done to change your appearance.



(Wilson, 2020)



Pronunciation: Reduced vowel /ə/ (schwa)

Listen. Notice the reduced sound of certain vowels in words with more than one syllable.

1. interesting /'ɪnrəstɪŋ/

3. manicure /'mænəkjʊr/


5. cousin /'kʌzən/

2. straightened /'streɪtənd/

4. tonight /tə'naɪt/

6. appearance /'əpɪrəns/

(Wilson, 2020)





Speaking: Talk about your appearance

I have my hair cut every month.

I'm going to get my beard trimmed.

I have had my hair dyed several times.

I'm having my nails done.

My hair have straightened by the salon.

(Wilson, 2020)



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