



A School Project Inspired by the Pandemic!

Social Distancing Shoes



A shoemaker from Romania has created special social distancing shoes in a size 75. Grigore Lup, who has been making shoes for 39 years, found that his business was impacted when the pandemic hit. He noticed that people were not following social distancing regulations and thought that this would be the perfect solution! These leather shoes are based on a design that he had previously made for actors.

They cost \$115 and take two days to make. Grigore has already received five orders for these shoes. The shoes have received mixed opinions on social media and were described as 'brilliant and absurd.'

When discussing the inspiration behind these shoes Lup stated, "You can see it on the street, people are not respecting social distancing rules. I went to the market to buy seedlings for my garden. There weren't many people there but they kept getting closer and closer." If two people wearing these shoes were to face each other, there would be a distance of one and a half metres between them.

What size are the shoes that Grigore makes?

Why did he decide to make these shoes?

How do you think Lup felt when the pandemic hit?

What adjectives are used to describe the shoes?

How much money has Lup earned so far by selling these shoes?

'Brilliant' and 'absurd' are antonyms. Can you think of any other pairs of antonyms to describe the shoes?

Social Distancing Hats inspired by Song Dynasty Emperors



When primary school children in China returned to school after lockdown, they came up with an inventive way to social-distance from their classmates. The children designed and handmade special hats with 'wings' that created a one-metre safety zone around themselves. Each pupil decorated their hat to reflect their own personality. It was hoped that these hats would help them to learn how to stop the

spread of COVID-19.

The hats were inspired by the impressive headpieces worn by the song dynasty emperors who ruled China from 960 until 1127. Legend believes that these hats were intended to prevent the emperors from whispering between themselves. The reason behind the unique design of these hats is still debated today.



Which country are the children from?

What is the distance of the 'safety zone' created by the hats?

Who originally wore the hats that the children's designs are based on?

How long did they rule China for?

What was believed to be the purpose of these hats?

What do you think was the original purpose of these hats?

Dear Students,

We recently saw the social distancing hats created by the students in China. It inspired us to start a fashion design company specialising in social distancing clothing. But we need your help! Just like the pupils in China, we know that you will have excellent ideas too (much better than us adults!) We would like you to send us your ideas and designs for a special social distancing clothing line. Your designs must meet the following specification:

- Creates a 2-metre safety zone
- Can be worn comfortably
- Promotes sustainability

We can't wait to see your designs!

Yours Sincerely,

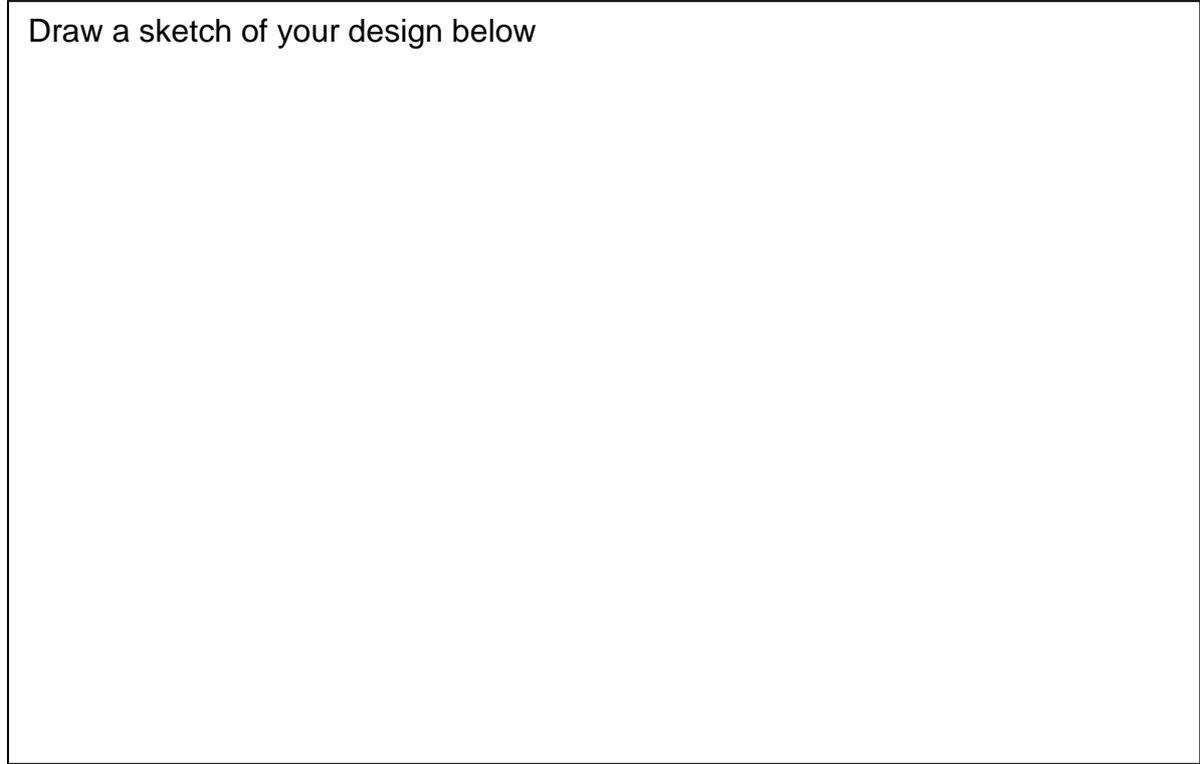
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Become a Social Distancing Fashion Designer

Which accessory or clothing item are you going to make? _____

Draw a sketch of your design below



What resources/materials will you need to create your design?

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Reasons for choosing these materials:

Action Plan

List the steps you will take to create your design:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Collect all of the resources you require and use them to make a prototype of your design.

Evaluate your Design

I liked:

A problem I had to solve:

Next time I would improve:

Designers Den



Social Distancing Fashion Studios have received design ideas from schools across the globe. Prepare a pitch to persuade them to choose your design.

- Introduce yourself
- Introduce the product
- What's it for?
- How does it work?
- What is unique about your design? (USP)
- What are your plans for the future?
- Make yourself memorable- Can you think of a catchy slogan for your item?

Social Distancing Clothing Sale

What is the retail price for your design?

Social Distancing Fashion Studios offer a 10% discount for new customers. How much will your design cost with this discount applied?

If five new customers purchase your design, how much money will you receive?

If five existing customers purchase your design, how much money will you receive?

