Fashion

Task 1: A Famous Designer

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 6.

You are going to hear a talk about a famous designer. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about a famous designer. Are you ready?

Audio Script

If you know a little bit about fashion, you'll probably know about Coco Chanel. Maybe you have seen a handbag, t-shirt or perfume with the famous Chanel logo. But do you know who Coco Chanel is? Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel was born in 1883, being the second born of six children. She was from a poor family, her mother being a laundry woman and her father a street vendor of clothes and undergarments. When Gabrielle was only eleven, her mother died and she was sent to a convent, where she learned to sew. After six years in the convent, Gabrielle worked as a seamstress and sang in a cabaret. During her time singing, she often sang a song called "Who has seen Coco?", giving her this nickname. Coco Chanel had an interesting life, that led her to create sporty and casual style clothes for women, with an elegant touch. Her style in fashion was a huge contrast when compared to the popular corseted silhouette style that had been very present in wardrobes of women. As a fashion designer, she made a huge impact on women's fashion, not only in France, but all over the world.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Now let's look at the questions again, but with the possible answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

Questions & Answers:

1	What can you find with the Chanel logo?	a handbag // t-shirt // perfume
2	How many children did Chanel's parents have?	six children
3	What did her father do?	a street vendor (of clothes and undergarments)
4	Where did Chanel go after her mother died?	a convent
5	What was she taught to do after her mother died?	to sew

6	How did she get her nickname "Coco"?	(from) a song

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