

## Vocabulary in Context

Read the following passage, in which some of the words you have studied in this unit appear in **boldface** type. Then complete each statement given below the passage by circling the letter of the item that is **the same** or **almost the same** in meaning as the highlighted word.

### Clothing Fads of the 1960s

(Line) The 1960s left a definite mark on American **apparel**. This influence began when First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy moved into the White House in 1961 with her husband, President John Kennedy. Her sophisticated sense of style appealed to many. Fashion designers, department stores, and boutiques could barely satisfy the

(5) **immense** demand for pillbox hats, two-piece suits, A-line skirts, wraparound sunglasses, and low-heeled pumps.

After the tragic Kennedy assassination in 1963, fashion looked elsewhere for inspiration. The Nehru jacket, named for India's first Prime Minister, had no lapels and a small stand-up collar. The Beatles promoted this style, which became an

(10) **instantaneous** hit.

What about everyday attire? Enter bell-

(15) bottoms. These wide-legged pants, which flared out at the bottom, were modeled after traditional sailor pants. In an effort to distance bell-bottoms from their military origins, **ingenious** designers widened the

(20) bells and added broad belts, a hip-hugging line, fancy cuffs or pleats, and outrageous patterns and fabrics.

Even accessories had a distinctly sixties air. Opticians were **besieged** by people

(25) begging for Ben Franklins—delicate, wire-rimmed glasses whose lenses came in many colors. Long hair parted down the middle completed the look.

Don't forget mini-skirts. These super-short skirts were **denounced** as being shameless, unhealthy, and totally ridiculous. But negative opinion didn't stop fashion-conscious teens.

(30) Do these styles seem to be more than just a part of history? That is because some of them have made a comeback and are very much a part of today's fashions.



Raffia pillbox hat with attached pigtails, wraparound sunglasses, matching bag