

MANNEQUIN CHALLENGE

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Mannequin Challenge has recently become a thing. The trend apparently started with high school kids who may have taken too literally their teacher's supplications to sit still. Now everyone from Adele to Ellen DeGeneres has given it a go.

So what exactly is the Mannequin Challenge? The clue is in the name. A group of people freeze in mid-action like mannequins while someone goes around filming them. Then you put a soundtrack on it and stick it online.

The Mannequin Challenge is not actually that new; it's just a digital revival of the 19th century fashion for *living pictures*, as they were known. These were used to dramatize important moments of history or famous paintings. They were also a bit of after-dinner fun. People used to hang around in their living rooms and recreate famous scenes.

But while it may date back to the 19th century, the Mannequin Challenge is also very much of the moment. The fact that just being quiet and still for a moment has been so enthusiastically embraced is a sign that we are all very tired, and we would like a little rest.

The Mannequin Challenge isn't the only indicator of a need for less speed. In August, Netflix started to air slow TV. Something of a cultural phenomenon in Norway, slow TV is basically a genre where nothing happens for hours on end. The first episode, a 7.5-hour train ride from Bergen to Oslo, was watched by 45% of Norway's population. There's no background music or narrative. It's just train sounds. And there are several tunnels, so the screen often just goes dark.

1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points using your own words (approximately 50 words; 1 point).
2. Mark the following sentences true/false (T/F) according to the text. Then write the part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer (1 point; 0,25 each).
 - a) Mannequin Challenge is thought to have originated at schools.
 - b) *Living pictures* used to be performed at any time in the day.
 - c) Slow TV is a TV show about a train ride from Bergen to Oslo.
 - d) More than half of Norwegians are attracted to slow TV.
3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here (1 point; 0,25 each).
 - a) Major
 - b) Repose
 - c) Well-Known
 - d) To stop moving

4. Pronunciation (1 point; 0,25 each)
- Write two words with the sound /dʒ/:
 - Write two words with the sound /ə/:
 - What do “put” and “cultural” have in common?
 - What is the difference in the pronunciation of “ou” in “background” and “group”.
5. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the original meaning. Use the word in brackets and /or the expression given, making the necessary changes. (1.5 points; 0.5 points each).

“What is the phone number of the flower shop? You bought the roses in that flower shop.
 (Join using “where”).....

“Mary may have changed the flat tyre.”

The flat.....

People used to hang around in their living rooms and recreate famous scenes. (Custom)

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6. Write approximately 120 words on the following topic: **What do you think about viral videos? Discuss.** (3 points)