

Iceland's First Lady wears charity-shop jacket

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The First Lady of Iceland, Eliza Reid, has turned heads at a movie awards ceremony. Fashion reporters said Ms Reid wore a "stunning" black jacket to the Edda Awards - Iceland's version of Hollywood's Academy Awards. Ms Reid wore black to show her support for the #metoo movement. However, unlike most people who attend glamorous awards shows, Ms

Reid did not spend a fortune on her clothes. When reporters asked her where she had purchased her jacket, she said she bought it in a local Red Cross charity store in Iceland's capital city. The Icelandic Red Cross was very happy about this news. It told its followers on Twitter that the first lady looked, "awesome in a gorgeous jacket from the Red Cross".

Eliza Reid is originally from Canada and works as a journalist. She met her husband, President Gudni Johannesson, when she was studying at Oxford University. Ms Reid told the Hit Iceland website in 2017 that she "won" a blind date with the future president at a rowing club event. She had no idea she would one day become First Lady of Iceland. Both she and her husband are very popular in Iceland for being just like normal people. They both have a very down-to-earth attitude and can often be seen in the city shopping with their four children and going to restaurants. The Red Cross also likes Ms Reid. It hopes more people will follow her fashion sense and buy clothes from its charity shops.

Sources: icelandmonitor.mbl.is / bbc.com / hiticeland.com

Writing

We should buy most of our clothes from charity shops. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

first lady / heads / movie awards / ceremony / jacket / charity / clothes / Hollywood / Canada / Iceland / husband / blind date / website / idea / rowing / normal / attitude

True / False

- a) Iceland's first lady turned her head a lot at an awards ceremony. T / F
- b) The first lady wore a very dark purple jacket to the ceremony. T / F
- c) The jacket was from a charity shop but was very expensive. T / F
- d) Iceland's Red Cross charity was happy the first lady wore the jacket. T / F
- e) Iceland's first lady is not from Iceland. T / F
- f) Iceland's first lady first met her husband at Cambridge University. T / F
- g) Iceland's president and his wife are well liked in Iceland. T / F
- h) Iceland's first lady has four children. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. award | a. a lot of money |
| 2. version | b. frequently |
| 3. a fortune | c. neighbourhood |
| 4. local | d. practical |
| 5. awesome | e. feeling |
| 6. husband | f. prize |
| 7. idea | g. breathtaking |
| 8. down-to-earth | h. spouse |
| 9. often | i. variety |
| 10. sense | j. clue |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What does a First Lady do all day?
- c) What do you think of Iceland's First Lady?
- d) What would it be like to me married to the President?
- e) What do you think of the idea of blind dates?
- f) How down-to-earth are you?
- g) What is your favourite charity?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Iceland's First Lady?

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Phrase Match

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| 1. a movie awards | a. jacket |
| 2. a "stunning black | b. fortune |
| 3. show her support for the | c. awesome |
| 4. spend a | d. sense |
| 5. the first lady looked | e. as a journalist |
| 6. works | f. are very popular |
| 7. blind | g. ceremony |
| 8. Both she and her husband | h. earth attitude |
| 9. both have a very down-to- | i. date |
| 10. fashion | j. #metoo movement |

Discussion – Student B

- How important is a First Lady?
- Why don't all countries have a First Lady?
- What do you know about Iceland?
- What do you think about charity shops?
- What would you wear to an awards show?
- Should more famous people wear clothes from charity shops?
- Why do people want to look glamorous?
- Would you buy clothes from a charity shop?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. a	4. c	5. g
6. h	7. j	8. d	9. b	10. e

Role Play

Role A – Blind Date

You think a blind date is the best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dating app, a bar or arranged marriage.

Role B – Dating App

You think a dating app is the best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): blind date, a bar or arranged marriage.

Role C – In a Bar

You think in a bar is the best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dating app, blind date or arranged marriage.

Role D – Arranged Marriage

You think an arranged marriage is the best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dating app, a bar or blind date.

Speaking – Partner

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to meet a future partner at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • At school | • Blind date |
| • At work | • Arranged marriage |
| • At a hobby club | • In a bar |
| • Online | • Dating app |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.