

Squid Game clothes in high demand worldwide

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People around the world are trying to get hold of clothes worn by characters in the hugely popular South Korean TV series "Squid Game". In particular, the "Made in Korea" green tracksuits and pink jumpsuits

from the show are in huge demand as a Halloween costume. Internet stores worldwide have been flooded with orders. Garment factories in South Korea are struggling to make enough of the clothes to keep up with demand. Clothes factory owner Kim Jin-ja from Seoul said: "October is usually a slow month for the sewing industry, but thanks to Squid Game and Halloween, we are scrambling to sew enough clothes." She added: "We are now sewing 6,000 green tracksuits for toddlers and children."

Squid Game is a survival drama series created by Hwang Dong-hyuk. It was first broadcast on Netflix on September the 17th. It has since become a global hit and is Netflix's most watched series ever. It reached number one in 90 countries, including the United States. Netflix estimated that over 142 million people watched Squid Game in the 28 days following its release. The series is about a contest between 456 players who are in a lot of debt. They all play children's games to try to win a \$40 million prize to get out of debt. However, the simple games could result in their death. Squid Game is another example of South Korean culture becoming popular around the world, following K-pop and K-dramas.

Sources: reuters.com / independent.ie / wikipedia.org

Writing

People spend too much money on clothes. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

world / characters / popular / South Korea / Squid Game / tracksuit / sewing / clothes / survival / drama / Netflix / series / contest / debt / children's games / prize / K-pop

True / False

- 1) No one wants to buy the Squid Game pink jumpsuit. T / F
- 2) Many stores in Seoul have been flooded because of heavy rain. T / F
- 3) October is usually a busy month for Korea's sewing industry. T / F
- 4) A clothes factory in Seoul is making 6,000 green tracksuits. T / F
- 5) Squid Game was first broadcast in September. T / F
- 6) No other series on Netflix has been viewed more than Squid Game. T / F
- 7) There are 456 contestants in Squid Game. T / F
- 8) The article says Squid Game is more popular than K-pop. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. popular | a. made |
| 2. huge | b. swamped |
| 3. flooded | c. guessed |
| 4. scrambling | d. enormous |
| 5. enough | e. aired |
| 6. created | f. lead to |
| 7. broadcast | g. well liked |
| 8. estimated | h. competition |
| 9. contest | i. hurrying |
| 10. result in | j. sufficient |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of squid?
- b) What do you know about the series Squid Game?
- c) What do you know about Netflix?
- d) What do you think of green tracksuits?
- e) What are your favourite series?
- f) What costumes have you worn?
- g) What do you think of Halloween?
- h) What do you think of dressing up in costumes?

Phrase Match

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| 1. in huge | a. flooded with orders |
| 2. Internet stores worldwide have been | b. release |
| 3. October is usually a | c. and children |
| 4. we are scrambling to sew | d. becoming popular |
| 5. tracksuits for toddlers | e. demand |
| 6. It has since | f. a \$40 million prize |
| 7. in the 28 days following its | g. slow month |
| 8. a contest between | h. become a global hit |
| 9. try to win | i. enough clothes |
| 10. another example of South Korean culture | j. 456 players |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why do you think Squid Game has become so popular?
- What TV dramas are most popular in your country?
- Have you ever been in debt?
- What children's games do you like?
- Would you like to play the Squid Game?
- What do you think of Korean culture?
- What questions would you like to ask Squid Game writers?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. e	8. c	9. h	10. f

Role Play

Role A – Tag

You think tag is the best children's game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): hide and seek, rock-paper-scissors or musical chairs.

Role B – Hide and Seek

You think hide and seek is the best children's game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): tag, rock-paper-scissors or musical chairs.

Role C – Rock-Paper-Scissors

You think rock-paper-scissors is the best children's game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): hide and seek, tag or musical chairs.

Role D – Musical Chairs

You think musical chairs is the best children's game. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their games. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): hide and seek, rock-paper-scissors or tag.

Speaking – Children's games

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Tag | • Rock-paper-scissors |
| • Hopscotch | • Snakes and ladders |
| • Statues | • Hide and seek |
| • Tic-tac-toe | • Musical chairs |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 F	3 F	4 T	5 T	6 T	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.