

Inside Amy Schumer (Comedy Central, USA), "Size 12"

Introduction

- 1) Do you enjoy shopping for clothes?
- 2) Do you think that magazines use models who represent the "average" woman?
- 3) What is the average size in your country?
- 4) Can it be hard to find clothes in your size?
- 5) What can you do if you can't find the right size clothes in a shop?

Vocabulary

Before watching the video, match the difficult vocabulary to the definition.

jewelry	a. an actress who starred in <i>The Office</i>
toddler	b. an awards ceremony in the US
the Midwest	c. the part of the store where you pay
a turtleneck	d. a large plastic sheet used to protect things from the rain
Bat Mitzvah	e. a young child who is just beginning to walk
the AIDS quilt	f. decorative accessories, usually made of gold, diamonds etc.
Mindy Kaling	g. a bread snack
the Golden Globes	h. a tornado
a tarp	i. an enormous piece of fabric made as a memorial to people who have died of AIDS
the register	j. a top with a very high neck
a twister	k. a part of the US stereotypically boring and comprising of many small towns where "normal" looking people live
a pretzel	l. a religious ceremony for a Jewish girl aged twelve years

Video

1. Watch the video for the first time and decide which description below best describes the video.
 - a. The video shows a woman being banned from a clothing shop because she keeps asking for strange things.
 - b. The video is a comment about how it is difficult to find clothes in large sizes.
 - c. The video shows how we should think less about fashion and more about important issues like AIDS.

2. Watch the video again and mark the following statements true or false.

- a. Amy wants to buy a black skirt.
- b. The shop assistant is worried that Amy might scare the thinner customers.
- c. Amy wants the article in US size 8.
- d. According to the woman a "Japanese twelve" is the same as an American 2-year-old.
- e. The assistant thinks they might have Amy's size on the West Coast.
- f. Lena has been in the field for five months.
- g. The cow is shopping.
- h. Amy thinks Mindy Kaling looked beautiful when she wore the AIDS quilt to the Golden Globes (*didn't actually happen!).
- i. Amy decides to buy the blue tarp.
- j. Amy is upset that she has to pay extra for the pretzel.

Debate

Work with a partner and go through some of the comments left below this video on YouTube. Which of the opinions do you agree with?



Michelle 2 months ago

So true, the idea of "plus size" makes it seem like people are abnormal just because of their body build. Genetics and biological factors are a huge contribution to weight and size. Size should not have a negative connotation; we are a diverse species. You can be healthy and wear a size 2 or healthy with a size 12.

Reply · 6



fane babanu 3 days ago

The most important contribution is still that people can't stop stuffing their face with food.

Reply · 1



Michelle 2 days ago

Which is why its necessary for our society to promote healthy eating and exercise as opposed to being skinny or thin. If we focused on lowering blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and improving BMI instead of people's appearance and clothing sizes we would be motivated to achieve good health rather than weight loss.

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Rachel Gallacher 2 months ago

Last November i had a difficult time finding a sexy dress to buy that would look good on my yummy curves. I was so perplexed at the fact that nothing fit and i couldn't understand where i was supposed to shop because plus size store clothes are too big and everything else is for stick figures. If the average American size is 12, why is the biggest size in a lot of stores 14? Where the fuck are the rest of us supposed to shop? Tell me! WHERE THE FUCK?!?

Reply · 2



Robert Lozyniak 2 months ago

+Rachel Gallacher Maybe time to start shopping for clothes online. But that might be hard for you, because women's clothing sizes are not standardized. (For men's clothes, an inch is an inch, plus or minus small irregularities in manufacturing.)

Or, you could buy a sewing machine and fabric and make them yourself. But that might require more time, money, and effort than it would be worthwhile to spend.

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Julianne Hannes 1 month ago

Clothing store execs are such idiots, denying themselves money on behalf of pride, when Mod Cloth decided to carry their line of clothing to size 0 to size 22 they turned into a billion dollar company overnight

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girlzeyview 1 month ago

Truth. There are some stores I don't even go in because of the way they treat you if you're not a size 0. Men will never understand this. They are not treated this way. Bravo Amy.

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