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On fleek

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Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei...

Rob

... and hello, I'm Rob.

Feifei

You seem to have a lot of bags with you today, Rob.

Rob

Oh these? Yes, I've been shopping – I finally decided to get out of the house, go shopping and treat myself.

Feifei

Come on then, Rob. Let's see what you've bought.

Rob

Well, my most expensive purchase was this pair of shoes. What do you think?

Feifei

Wow! They are on fleek!

Rob

On fire!? Oh no, quick, get some water...

Feifei

No, Rob – on fleek. It's an informal phrase meaning they look good. It can also describe something that is attractive, stylish or even elegant.

Rob

So, you're saying I look stylish?

Feifei

Errr... well... shall we hear some examples of other things that are 'on fleek'?

Examples

I love what you're wearing to the party – you're on fleek!

That hair style is on fleek – where did you get it done?

She's just back from the beauty salon and her eyebrows are on fleek!

Feifei

This is The English We Speak from BBC Learning English and we're talking about things that are 'on fleek' – which means they look good or are stylish or elegant. And Rob's new shoes are on fleek! So Rob, I expect those new shoes were expensive?

Rob

Very! But that's why they're – as you say – on fleek.

Feifei

Indeed. So when are you going to wear them?

Rob

Oh I'm *not* going to wear them – they're too expensive to wear outside!

Feifei

Right – so you're going to carry on wearing those filthy trainers?

Rob

Of course. What's wrong with them?

Feifei

They're not 'fleek', they're filthy.

Rob

Looks like I'll never be a fashion icon then.

Feifei

No, Rob! See ya.

Rob Bye.