



# Lady GaGa:

CREATIVE

or

CRAZY?

She's worn face masks, a dress of bubbles and a Kermit the Frog coat! Lady GaGa is as famous for her outrageous\* style as she is for her songs. CLUB asks: is she creative – or just crazy?

**CLUB:** Don't you think your style is a bit bizarre?

**Lady GaGa:** No. I don't think I'm weird. Where I come from I'm cool. I'm different and my music is different. I don't think anyone was ready for me at first.

**CLUB:** Do you really wear those outfits\* at home?

**Lady GaGa:** Yes. This is just how I am. You'll never see me in jeans and flip-flops!

**CLUB:** What was the inspiration for the jacket made of Kermit the Frogs?

**Lady GaGa:** Kermit the Frog (and *The Muppet Show*) is a wonderful childhood memory I share. I had no idea that jacket would make such a splash\*. I thought it was comical because I don't wear fur, so there was something morbid\* and hilarious\* about wearing a jacket made of lots of 'dead' Kermits!



**FROG FASHION:** Lady GaGa in her Kermit coat

**CLUB:** Has your style ever got you into trouble?

**Lady GaGa:** Yes, I was wearing my outfit from my show in Moscow. I was in the car going back to the hotel. I asked the driver to pull over in Red Square so I could take a photo. I was out there for about five minutes and the police came over. I guess they thought my clothing was inappropriate!

**CLUB:** Have you always had such an outlandish sense of style?

**Lady GaGa:** Yes, even when I was young I customised\* my clothes. I sewed beads and plastic flowers on my T-shirts.

**CLUB:** Where does your passion\* for fashion come from?

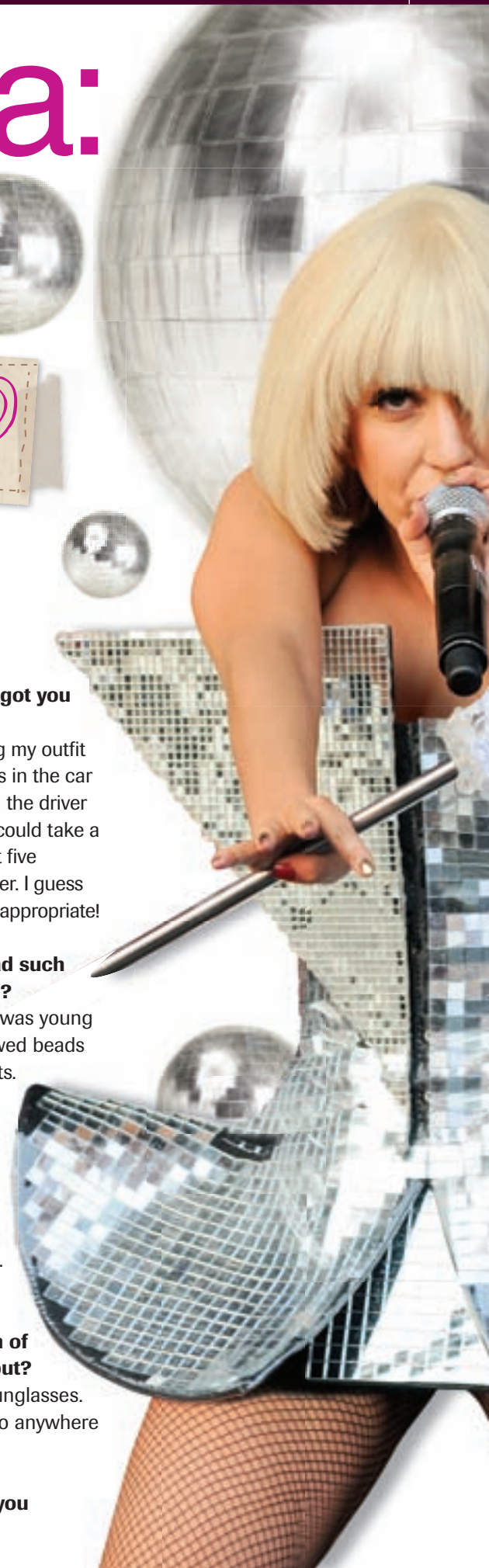
**Lady GaGa:** My mother. She always looks impeccable. She is always well-kept and beautiful. Her taste is classic Italian.

**CLUB:** What's the one item of clothing you can't live without?

**Lady GaGa:** It has to be my sunglasses. I have so many pairs! I never go anywhere without them.

**CLUB:** Finally, how would you describe your style?

**Lady GaGa:** Fearless!



## THE LOWDOWN:

**Real name:**

Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta

**Date of Birth:** 28th March 1986

**Hometown:** New York

**Songs:** *Just Dance, Poker Face*

**Album:** *The Fame*

**Did you know ...?:** She's a songwriter. She has written songs for Britney Spears, The Pussycat Dolls and Fergie.

## Lady GaGa's Crazy Closet\*

Here are three more of Lady GaGa's creations. What do you think of them?

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Here are 10 more adjectives to describe style and appearance. Can you classify them?

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### Are YOU a fashionista\*?

Are you as obsessed with fashion as Lady GaGa?

Take our trend test now!

**1** How long does it take you to get dressed in the morning?

- a  More than an hour
- b  20 minutes
- c  2 seconds. I just pick up what's on my bedroom floor.

**2** How often do you go shopping?

- a  Every weekend
- b  When I have a special occasion – like a party or a wedding.
- c  Never! My mum buys all my clothes.

**3** Do you ever read fashion magazines?

- a  Yes, every month!
- b  Occasionally
- c  Is this a joke?

**4** Who are your style icons?

**Girls:**

- a  Sarah Jessica Parker, Leighton Meester, Katy Perry
- b  Jennifer Aniston, Miley Cyrus
- c  Amy Winehouse

**Boys:**

- a  David Beckham, Kanye West
- b  Rodger Federer, Prince William, Daniel Radcliffe
- c  a scarecrow, a tramp.

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**WORDWISE** outrageous (adj) – something that shocks people \* outfit (n) – a set of clothes worn together \* to make a splash (phrase) – to be noticed by many, to make a big entrance \* morbid (adj) – showing an interest in dark subjects – such as death \* hilarious (adj) – very funny \* to customise (v) – to change something (clothing) so it is individual and unique to you \* passion (n) strong love and interest in \* closet (U.S English, noun) – wardrobe \* fashionista (n) (informal) – British media term for someone obsessed with fashion