



Transcript:

Supporting women for six centuries.

These **bras**, discovered in a medieval castle in Austria, reveal that the **undergarment** may have been worn as far back as the 15th century.

Apart from the **wear and tear**, they look **remarkably** similar to their modern day versions.

They were **spotted** almost by accident when the floorboards of the castle were removed during renovation.

Vocabulary:

bras

pieces of underwear used to support women's breasts

undergarment

clothing people use underneath their outer layer

wear and tear

damage caused by using something continuously

remarkably

worthy of notice

spotted

seen or observed suddenly

Watch the video online: The oldest underwear? <http://bbc.in/QcQpRt>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from BBC news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

bra / undergarment / wear and tear / remarkably / spotted

1. "_____, 62% of severely obese children under 12 years of age already had one or more cardiovascular risk factors," the study concluded. More than half had high blood pressure, and there were also cases of low "good cholesterol" and high blood sugar, which can result in Type 2 diabetes.

2. Even without integral layered and embroidered neck-frills and cuffs, the amount of coloured embroidery on the upper part of shirt and smock continued to grow, transforming the simple _____ into an object of beauty in its own right.

3. The toy-sized contestants waved and limbered up before the race got under way. Organisers say they expect the race to be won not by the fastest robot but by the one that can withstand the most _____.

4. Former US presidential candidate John Edwards' late wife ripped off her shirt and _____ in a row with her husband over his affair, a court has heard.

5. The bodies were _____ by helicopter but have not yet been recovered due to treacherous weather conditions.

Answers:

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Source: Severely obese children's hearts already in danger

<http://bbc.in/MXxwx7>

2. Even without integral layered and embroidered neck-frills and cuffs, the amount of coloured embroidery on the upper part of shirt and smock continued to grow, transforming the simple **undergarment** into an object of beauty in its own right.

Source: Underwear as outerwear

<http://bbc.in/Oxz6vq>

3. The toy-sized contestants waved and limbered up before the race got under way. Organisers say they expect the race to be won not by the fastest robot but by the one that can withstand the most **wear and tear**.

Source: First robot marathon kicks off in Osaka, Japan

<http://bbc.in/eMgaWO>

4. Former US presidential candidate John Edwards' late wife ripped off her shirt and **bra** in a row with her husband over his affair, a court has heard.

Source: John Edwards' betrayed wife 'tore off bra'

<http://bbc.in/IEyv9w>

5. The bodies were **spotted** by helicopter but have not yet been recovered due to treacherous weather conditions.

Source: Bodies of US climbers found on Peru mountain

<http://bbc.in/Mdp7vJ>