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Clothes

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General Vocabulary

Common mistakes!

The clothe I love is X

The cloth I like most is.... X

Clothes (*is always plural*)

Cloth refers to the material and is also used for materials used for cleaning

One **item of clothing** I love is 😊

One **piece of clothing** I love is 😊

I like to dress jeans X

I like to **wear jeans** 😊

I wear jeans, it is so comfy X

I wear jeans / trousers, **they are** so comfy 😊

My jeans / trousers (g.b.) / pants (u.s.) **are** comfy

Essential verbs

1. To **wear** clothes - (sounds like “WHERE”!)

To wear is irregular

I usually **wear** jeans and a T-shirt

Last week, I **wore** a suit - WAR!

I **have** never **worn** a tie before!

I tend to wear...

2. To **dress** (*usually no object*)

I like **to dress** smartly / casually / neatly

I will **dress up** when going to a party
=*dress smartly*

To **get dressed**

I **got dressed** quickly

I **got** the children **dressed**

Phrasal Verbs

I haven't **worn** these new shoes **in** yet!
=*to wear something new until comfortable*

I have **worn** this jacket **out**, I need a new one
=*used so much it can no longer be used*

I am **worn out**
=*I am tired!*

What kinds of clothes do you like to wear?

I like to wear short skirt X

I like to wear short skirts 😊

I like to wear a short skirt 😊

I like to wear **smart** pants
(= *clean and tidy*)

You should use either the plural or use 'a'.

I **typically wear** jeans and a t-shirt / a hoodie / a sweatshirt / silk clothes

I like to look **dashing**
= *handsome/beautiful*

How to describe your favourite clothes - useful adjectives!

simple
casual
presentable
= *quite smart*

scruffy
= *messy, untidy*

willy-nilly
= *without care, a bit untidy*

stylish yet comfy
elegant
chic
dressy

a conservative style
classic clothes
vintage clothes

semi-formal dresses / clothes

Dressed up to the nines
= *really smart/elegant*

Dressed to kill (for a woman)
= *really smart/elegant*

I am going to dress to impress!

bright / dark colours

baggy
= *very loose (too big)*

tight / clingy
= *(too small)*

fashionable
Clothes that are **in fashion**

I like to wear clothes in black colour X

*When talking about colours in English, we rarely use the word 'colour'.
Just use the actual colour!*

I like to wear clothes **in black** 😊

I like to wear **black clothes** 😊

The clothes I wear!

Watch the **video** and decide if the following are True or False - **T/F**

1. After work, I like to slip into a t-shirt
2. I love accessories
3. In the summer I wear a Panama hat
4. At work now, I have a dress code to follow
5. In my old job, I would wear slacks or chinos
6. I always wear tailor-made shirts
7. If I am going out to a restaurant, I usually go for the smart casual look

Useful Vocabulary from the video

After work, I like to **slip into** a t-shirt
=change into...

I prefer to wear polo shirts and shorts in the summer

I am not really one for **accessories**
=jewellery, belts, bags, gloves, hats....

I don't really wear chains and stuff

I do wear a cap in the autumn to **keep my head warm**

In the summer I wear a **Panama hat** because it **keeps the sun out of my eyes**

At work, we have a **dress code to follow**

We have to **wear business casual**

In my old job, I **would typically wear** a jacket

I would have to wear a shirt and tie with a jacket

I would wear slacks or chinos
=*smart trousers*

I usually **put on** a jersey, a jumper, or a pullover (all the same)

I usually wear **off the peg** shirts, not **tailor-made** ones

I like **short-sleeved** shirts rather than **long-sleeved** ones

Snug as a rug
=*fits perfectly*

Fits like a glove
=*fits perfectly*

There wasn't a **strict** dress code

Many women **wore** business casual

The women would typically wear a **knee-length skirt** or slacks, a **blouse** and maybe flat shoes, rather than high heel shoes

If we are going out, I would probably **go for the** smart casual look

I may wear jeans, it depends on the mood, on the vibe

The video answers: 1.T 2.F 3.T 4.F 5. T 6. F 7. T

Model Answers

Tip

In speech we often **repeat things, but with a slight difference.**

SPOKEN

...and **it drives me around the bend**, and not only that, **not only does it drive me round the bend**, it really scares me.

WRITTEN

...and **it drives me around the bend**, and not only that, it really scares me too.

If you write your answers out in perfect sentences, it will not sound natural, it will sound like you are a book!

Don't write your answer out first,

Speak your answer first, then record it, then write it out.

Students' Questions about Clothes

Keith, are clothes important to you?

It's a good question. I mean **on a basic level**, yes, of course clothes are important.

I need practical clothes, for example, if I am going out walking and it's raining, I need to wear **the appropriate kind of clothes**.

Maybe a rain coat, taking an umbrella, something that will **protect me from the rain**.

So, **from a practical point of view**, I think clothes are really important.

From a fashion point of view, I don't think they are that important.

I know some people say that clothes represent your identity and its a way of expressing your personality,

but to be honest, for me, **I take a much more pragmatic** (=realistic) **approach**.

I think clothes are just a way to cover ourselves and keep ourselves warm or keep ourselves cool.

I don't really see them as **fashion accessories** or a way of expressing who I am, but that's just **my personal take** (=personal opinion) on clothes.

Keith, do you think clothes reflect a country's identity?

I'd say, you know, in this **modern age of globalisation**, I don't think it really does reflect a country's identity.

I think so many people now wear similar clothes, be it jeans or T-shirts, it's just everybody's wearing the same **garb**, (=clothes)

and even where people are changing the fashion, like **ripped jeans**, that **catches on** quickly and then again, young people across the world are wearing the same clothes.

So, no I don't think so it does.

That said, there is **one element** that is important and that's traditional clothes,

and many countries still use traditional clothes, especially for special events.

For example, **at a wedding** or **at a funeral** or some kind of family celebration, for example maybe in countries like India, they would wear a Saree (=kind of Indian dress) for certain events.

And in other countries there are the more kind of traditional clothes, but I think in a lot of countries **that tradition is dying out** and those clothes are disappearing

and you very rarely see them nowadays, **whether it's a good or a bad thing**. So overall, I don't think clothes reflect a country's identity.

Keith, how do you think fashion trends have changed since you were younger?

I think fashion trends have changed **enormously** in the past 30, 40, 50 years, not just from the 90's, but even before that.

You know, I remember when I was young, back in the day, **flared jeans**, (=bell-bottom jeans) **flares**, were very popular, and shirts with really **long collars**, these huge, flying collars, they were fashionable,

as was long hair as well, especially for men,

but I think whilst jeans are still popular, flared jeans went in and out of fashion, and came back again, but now different kinds of jeans are fashionable, right?

Ripped jeans are **much more fashionable**, and shirts with slim-fit, small collars are also popular now, whereas in the past, they weren't that popular.

The **old-fashioned** kind of mini-skirts **went out of fashion** and then again **came in fashion**.

So, **it strikes me** (=it seems to me / I think) actually, that **fashion goes around its cycles** and it's not long before it **comes back into fashion**.

So, fashion has changed, but I'd say not **in a linear way**, but in a circular way, if I can say that.

Final notes:

You don't have to do a conclusion at the end of part 2 or 3 questions. If you can, that's great, but it is not necessary.

Your dress will have little influence on the examiner, you can wear casual clothes, but I recommend you are tidy, and presentable.