

## 9 Clothes

*"Fashion is what you buy, style is what you do with it."* — Unknown



### **Did you know?**

According to a recent study 40% of Americans own at least one item of clothing which they have never worn.

During the 1860s, dresses were so wide that women often got stuck in doorways.

Before the wedding of Queen Victoria, the color white was usually reserved for funerals.

The average American owns seven pairs of blue jeans. Jeans were named after Italian sailors from Genoa whose clothes were often made of the material.

According to astronaut Chris Hadfield, astronauts don't bother doing laundry in space. Instead they just throw their dirty laundry out into the earth's atmosphere, where it burns up.

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## Mixed up vocabulary

suit and tie	very loose clothing
underwear	smart business clothes - usually worn by men
tight	on the bottom of your shoe - they can make you seem taller
baggy	not striped, not patterned, not bright, just a single colour
plain	clothes which aren't usually visible
heels	a set of clothes which are worn together
outfit	the opposite of loose - maybe you need a bigger size

## Idioms and collocations

That dress really suits you. It *fits like a* \_\_\_\_\_ and it matches your shoes.

I can wear what I want here, but my last company had a very strict *dress* \_\_\_\_\_.

Is that suit *off the* \_\_\_\_\_ or is it tailor-made?

I love your outfit! You have such *great* \_\_\_\_\_ *in* clothes.

My wife helps me to choose my clothes. I have no *dress* \_\_\_\_\_ whatsoever.

*code sense taste peg glove*

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Where do you like to shop for clothes?

Do you have a favourite item of clothing?

Where did you get the clothes you're wearing now?

Have you ever bought something quite expensive but only worn it once or twice?

What kind of clothes suit you?

Do you like to wear bright and colourful clothes?

Can you judge someone by the clothes that they wear?

Is there a dress code at your workplace?

Do you ever buy clothes online?

What is something that you would never wear?