

Reading

Clothes Exchange



Read the gapped text and insert the missing pieces.

There are 2 extra variants you don't need to use.

Are you like me and have clothes in your wardrobe (1) ____? Perhaps you even have something with the label still attached. Before you put them in a bag and take them to your local charity shop or throw them away, (2) _____. Why not organise a clothes exchange or clothes swap party?

Clothes swaps are becoming very popular as they give people the chance to offer their clothing they don't want in exchange for (3) _____. These parties are great for the environment. They also allow you to update what's in your wardrobe and to do it without spending any money at all.

If you're thinking of organising one yourself, (4) _____, just inviting friends and relatives. In order to make sure there's something for everyone, and that everyone feels included, invite people who are of a similar size and age. Either that or make sure there'll be a wide range of sizes on offer. Finally, decide on the number of items that everyone should bring before the event.

On the day, (5) _____ for every item they bring. These are used instead of money. You might decide before you start that some high-quality items should be worth more buttons than a much cheaper item. For example, some people bring clothes that are a bit damaged.

Make sure items are presented nicely, (6) _____. The idea is to make the whole experience feel professional, almost as enjoyable as looking round your local clothes shop.

- A something they'd like to have for themselves;
- B each person is given a button;
- C so bad you should get rid of;
- D that you have hardly ever worn;
- E money that can be used to buy new items;
- F it's best to keep the event quite small;
- G not thrown on a table in a pile;
- H consider another possibility.

