

## MATCH THE PICTURES AND THE NAMES

*HOW TO TALK  
ABOUT FASHION  
IN ENGLISH?*

### HEADWEAR



**BERET**

A round flattish cap of felt or cloth



**PANAMA HAT**

A formal hat, very stylish with smart casual wear



**CAP**

A casual peaked hat, also called baseball cap



**FLOPPY HAT**

Any hat with a wide, loose brim



**BEANY**

Baggy, woollen hat



**TOP HAT**

A man's formal hat with a high cylindrical crown

# TORSO



T-SHIRT



HOODIE



BLOUSE



JUMPER



TOP TANK



RAIN COAT



POLO T-SHIRT



BOMBER JACKET

## *BOTTOM HALF*



**SHORTS**



**JEANS**



**DRESS**



**SKIRT**

*FOOTWEAR*



**FLAT SHOE**



**HIGH-HEELED  
SHOE**



**SANDALS**



**SLIPPERS**



**SNEAKERS**

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# Fashion Vocabulary

## Headwear

Hats are distinctly in fashion at the moment, and may well feature strongly in London Fashion week. Here are some of the more popular types: **beany** (baggy, woollen hat), **cap** (a casual peaked hat, sometimes called a baseball cap), **flat cap** (traditionally worn by older people, these are tweed caps, with a firm peak, which are very fashionable), **Panama hat** (a white or ivory formal hat, usually worn by men, and very stylish with smart casual wear), **floppy hat** (any hat with a wide, loose brim).

On top of headwear we might come across jewellery. **Earrings** go, unsurprisingly, in the ears. A **necklace**, equally predictably, is jewellery that is worn on the neck, usually with a silver or gold chain.

# Fashion Vocabulary

## Torso

There are two kinds of **t-shirt**, which are casual, short sleeved tops. A **round neck t shirt** has a round neck hole (not really so confusing, this English) and a **Polo shirt** is slightly more formal, with a collar. A **shirt** is a long-sleeved garment (although, confusingly, there are short sleeved types), often made of cotton, with buttons up the front. A **blouse** is a shirt usually worn by women, with a more fitted styles and a smaller collar.

A **jumper** is the woollen or cotton extra layer that is worn over the shirt, handy for British winters... and Springs, Autumns and, sadly, often summer. It is also known as a **jersey** or **pullover**. A jumper with buttons which opens up fully is known as a **cardigan**, or **cardy** for short. A sleeveless jumper is called a **tank top**.

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Less formal tops include **sweat shirts**, a cotton casual pullover, often with a picture or logo on it. A **hoodie** is like a sweat shirt, but includes a hood. Outer garments for outdoor wear are called **coats**. But there are many varieties of these: **bomber jackets** (short coats), **golf coats**, **rain coats**, **overcoats** (heavy, warm and formal coats), **Mackintoshes** and **waterproofs** – sometimes called **kagoules** and carried in case of wet weather – are other common types of coat.

A **jacket** is a short, fairly smart indoor coat, often worn with a suit or for work or business. It contains a handy amount of **pockets** for storage.

Jewellery wise, a **bracelet** is worn on the wrist. More casual, and often supporting a good cause, is a **wristband**. A **bangle** is a wide bracelet, often of ethnic styling. **Cufflinks** are like removable buttons sometimes worn with formal shirts.

# Fashion Vocabulary

## Bottom Half



**Trousers** are worn to cover the entire bottom half of the body. They might be called **jeans** (usually made from denim), **chinos** (smart casual cotton trousers), **drain pipes** (tight fitting trousers with narrow legs sometimes known as skinny jeans.) **Shorts** are trousers which end at the knee or higher. On the beach, **swimming shorts** or **trunks** are usually worn by men, and **bathing costumes** (all in ones) or **bikinis** (two piece) are worn more usually by women.

The terms **skirts** and **dresses** can cause confusion. A skirt starts at the waist, while a dress is full length. A **kilt** is a heavy, pleated skirt worn by women and traditionally by Scotsmen, allegedly with nothing underneath, although that is probably not true. A **sarong** is a loose skirt that is tied at the waist. Usually it is worn by women, but occasionally by men. The footballer David Beckham introduced a trend for men to wear sarongs a few years ago.

Sometimes **tights** (all in one) or **stockings** (separate for each leg) can be worn under skirts and dresses.

# Fashion Vocabulary

## Footwear

There are many styles of  **shoe**,  **crocks**, **sandals**, **brogues**, **lace ups**, **trainers**, **boots**,  **slippers**. Under these people often wear **socks** – very short socks often worn with trainers and shorts are called **trainer socks**, slightly bigger are **ankle socks**. In the old days, shorts were worn mostly by men and boys, along with knee length socks. These are called **long socks**.

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