

29 Clothes

A Different styles

- 1 plain top (without a pattern)
- 2 waistcoat
- 3 check/checkered skirt
- 4 suede shoes
- 5 cap
- 6 strap
- 7 short-sleeved shirt
- 8 V-neck(ed) sleeveless jumper
- 9 sandals
- 10 silk top
- 11 tight-fitting skirt (OPP loose-fitting)
- 12 bracelet
- 13 high-heeled shoes



1 Who wears the following most often? Is it men, women, or both equally?

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|------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 caps | | 6 V-neck jumpers | |
| 2 suede shoes | | 7 high-heeled shoes | |
| 3 silk shirts | | 8 sandals | |
| 4 short-sleeved shirts | | 9 waistcoats | |
| 5 bracelets | | | |

2 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- 1 I really like men in three-piece suits, with trousers, jacket and
- 2 I've got one really tight-fitting dress, but usually I prefer clothes.
- 3 My sister wears flat shoes most of the time but shoes for special occasions.
- 4 I don't like bright patterns, so I usually wear shirts.
- 5 My sister has a very glamorous, tight-fitting black and white skirt.
- 6 I wear a lot in the summer because my feet get so hot.
- 7 Most men only wear short-..... shirts in the summer.
- 8 Since my dad went bald, he has started wearing a to keep his head warm.
- 9 I've got a grey backpack with adjustable shoulder
- 10 Some men like wearing-fitting T-shirts to show off their muscular bodies.

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- 1 Do you have any clothes in suede or silk? If so, what?
- 2 Do you often wear sandals in the summer? If not, what do you prefer?
- 3 Do you wear a lot of short-sleeved tops or shirts? If so, when?
- 4 Do any members of your family wear a cap? If so, why?
- 5 Do you tend to prefer plain tops and shirts, or something with a pattern?
- 6 Do you ever wear waistcoats or V-neck jumpers?



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B Special occasions

For my brother's **stag party**, we all had to march round town wearing **kilts**¹, with large **badges**² on our chests saying: *If lost, return to Scotland.*

At a recent **fancy-dress** party, my husband went as a woman cleaner wearing a **wig** and **apron**³, and carrying a **bucket**⁴ of water and a **mop**⁵. He looked silly.

I like to **dress up** for weddings and wear something **elegant**. The only problem in Britain is the weather. You can be standing around in a **glamorous outfit**, **shivering** at the same time.

In my house, **barbecues** are very **casual affairs**: T-shirt, shorts and **flip-flops**⁶.



GLOSSARY

stag party	(ALSO stag night) a party for men only given for a man shortly before his wedding. A hen party is the same for women.	glamorous	looking more exciting or attractive than ordinary people
fancy dress	special clothes you wear to a party where people dress up to look like a different person	outfit	a set of clothes that are worn together for a particular occasion
wig	a covering made of real or false hair that you wear on your head	shiver	shake slightly, especially because you are cold or frightened
dress up	put on more formal clothes, usually for a special occasion	barbecue	(<i>abbreviation BBQ</i>) an outdoor meal or party when food is cooked on a metal frame on an open fire
elegant	attractive and showing a good sense of style	casual affair	very relaxed and informal an event or situation

4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D. Use the **APP** to help you.

- 1 fancy dress 3 wig stag 5 glamorous elegant 7 glamorous bucket
2 stag casual 4 shiver casual 6 affair apron 8 bucket dress up

5 What's the answer?

- You might wear one if you haven't got any hair.
- You might wear one to do the cooking.
- You go to one of these pretending to be someone else.
- You might need this to wash the kitchen floor.
- People from Scotland sometimes wear these.
- You might do this if you are very cold.
- Men and women sometimes wear these on their feet on a beach.
- People may wear one of these to show they belong to an organization or support something.
- People often like to do this to look elegant for special occasions.
- You have these outdoors and cook food on an open fire.
- People like to look this to appear more attractive and exciting than ordinary people.
- You might buy this to look elegant at a special occasion.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- Have you ever been to a stag or hen party? If so, what was it like?
- Have you been to any fancy-dress parties? If so, who did you pretend to be?
- Do you like dressing up? If so, what occasions do you dress up for?
- When you buy clothes, do you often buy complete outfits? If so, why?
- Do you prefer to wear casual clothes most of the time? If so, what do you usually wear?
- Do you often go to barbecues? If so, are they fairly casual affairs, and what do you usually wear?



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