

26) Colours, size and appearance

A Colours and adjectives

- 1 long
- 2 short
- 3 large/big
- 4 small/little
- 5 cheap
- 6 expensive
- 7 comfortable
- 8 uncomfortable



Colours



SPOTLIGHT order of adjectives

Adjectives describing size or opinion go before colour adjectives.

- We say *a big blue umbrella* (NOT *a blue big umbrella*)
- *large brown eyes* ■ *a cheap black suit*

- 1 Find the end of each word.

red/green/pink/purple/orange/.../grey/dark/blue/cream/brown/light/blue/black/yellow/white

- 2 Write your answers.

- Red and yellow together make orange .
- 1 Red and blue together make _____ .
- 2 White and blue together make _____ .
- 3 Blue and yellow together make _____ .
- 4 Red and white together make _____ .
- 5 Black and white together make _____ .
- 6 Black and blue together make _____ .
- 7 Red and green together make _____ .
- 8 Yellow and white together make _____ .
- 9 Blue, yellow and purple are all _____ .

- 3 Circle the correct word.

- My handbag's very large / small, so I can put lots in it.
- 1 I like these trainers, but they're very comfortable / uncomfortable.
- 2 I haven't got much money, so I don't wear cheap / expensive clothes.
- 3 He's only seven years old, so just buy him a small / large T-shirt.
- 4 You need your long / short coat today – it's really cold.
- 5 The good thing about the school café is that it's cheap / expensive.
- 6 You need comfortable / uncomfortable clothes when you are travelling.

- 4 Look at the pictures at the top of the page and describe the clothes and accessories.

- a c heat grey tie
- 1 a s. skirt
- 2 c. shoes
- 3 a l. handbag
- 4 a l. skirt
- 5 u. shoes
- 6 an e. tie
- 7 a s. handbag



B Size and appearance

What size are you?
What size do you take?

I'm a (size) 12.
I take size 40.

Is it OK?

No, it's the **wrong** size.
It doesn't fit.

Yes, it's the **right** size.
It **fits** well.

What's the matter?

It's **too** long / **too** big. 

Do you like it?

It looks nice/lovely/great. 

Yes, I like the **style**.



SPOTLIGHT *too* and *very*

There is a difference in meaning between **too** and **very**.

- *Her coat is **very** long.* (But maybe it's OK.)
- *Her coat is **too** long.* (It's not OK.)
- *These trousers are **very** expensive, but I'm going to buy them.*
- *These boots are **too** small – I can't wear them.*

GLOSSARY

appearance	the way that sb or sth looks
look	If sth looks good, you think it's good.
nice	good
lovely	very good SYN great
awful	very bad SYN terrible
style	the shape, colour and way sth is

5 Are the sentences the same or different? Write **S** or **D**.

- It looks terrible. / It looks nice. D
- 1 It fits. / It's the right size.
- 2 It looks great. / It looks lovely.
- 3 They're the right size. / They don't fit.
- 4 I like the style. / It looks awful.

- 5 They're too big. / They don't fit.

- 6 What size does he take? / What size is he?

- 7 They're very short. / They're too short.

- 8 It's the wrong size. / It doesn't fit.

6 Complete the dialogues.

- 1 What ► size are you? ~ I size 34.
- 2 What do you think of these trousers? ~ I like the – they're very nice.
- 3 Is the shirt OK for you? ~ I'm sorry. It's the size.
- 4 What size do you ? ~ 42.
- 5 Is that top comfortable? ~ No, it doesn't It's small.
- 6 What do you think of these jeans? ~ Oh, they terrible. Don't buy them.
- 7 Are the shoes OK for you? ~ I take 40, but these are small.
- 8 That suit looks ! ~ Yes, it's, isn't it? I'm going to buy it.
- 9 Did this jumper ? ~ No, it was big for me.
- 10 Do you like the trousers? ~ Yes, and they're also the size.
- 11 Christa thinks about her a lot. ~ Well, she's a teenager. That's normal.



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