

Clothes and fashion

1 Describing clothes

a Match the adjectives and pictures.

Fit

tight
loose /lu:s/



Style

sleeveless
long- (short-) sleeved
hooded /'hʊdɪd/
V-neck



Pattern

spotted
plain
striped
checked
patterned



b Match the phrases and pictures

Materials

a cotton vest
a silk scarf
leather sandals
nylon /'naɪlɒn/ stockings
a linen /'lɪnɪn/ suit
a Lycra™ /'laɪkrə/ swimsuit
suede /sweɪd/ slippers
a denim backpack
a velvet bow /bəʊ/
a fur /fɜ:/ collar
a woollen /'wʊlən/ cardigan



c Write the missing word in the Opinion column.

old-fashioned scruffy smart stylish trendy

Opinion

- 1 She's very . She always wears the latest fashions.
- 2 The Italians have a reputation for being very – both men and women dress very well.
- 3 He looks really . His clothes are old and a bit dirty and he hasn't shaved.
- 4 You ought to wear a suit for your job interview.
- 5 That tie's very . People don't wear such wide ones any more.

2 Verb phrases

a Match the sentences.

- 1 I'm going to **dress up** tonight.
 - 2 Please **hang up** your coat.
 - 3 These jeans don't **fit** me.
 - 4 That skirt really **suits** you.
 - 5 Your bag **matches** your shoes.
 - 6 I need to **get changed**.
 - 7 Hurry up and **get undressed**.
 - 8 Get up and **get dressed**.
- A Don't leave it on the chair.
B I've just spilt coffee on my dress.
C I'm going to a party.
D Breakfast is on the table.
E It's bath time.
F They're too small.
G They're exactly the same colour.
H You look great in it.

b Cover sentences 1–8. Look at A–H. Try to remember 1–8.

3 Idioms

a Look at the highlighted idioms and try to guess their meanings.

- 1 What a dress! You're really **dressed to kill** tonight.
- 2 That suit **fits her like a glove**. Did she have it especially made for her?
- 3 He will have to **pull his socks up** if he wants to pass the exam.
- 4 That sounds like a difficult situation. I wouldn't like to **be in your shoes**.

b Match the idioms to their meanings.

- A start trying harder
B in your place
C wearing clothes that people will notice / admire
D is exactly the right size

Can you remember the words on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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