

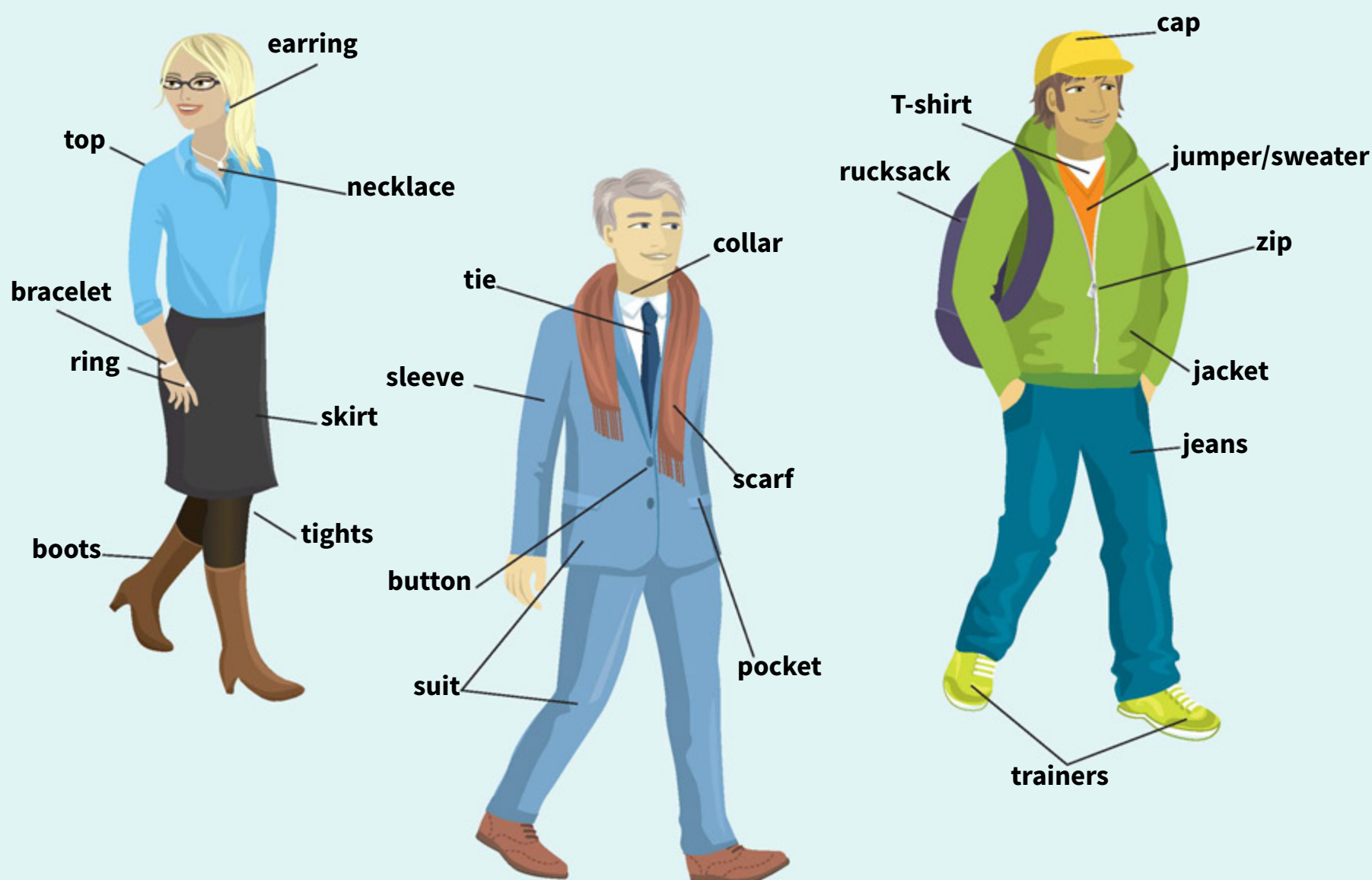
A

Smart, stylish and casual

I think the woman looks **stylish** [wearing nice clothes and looking attractive; also **well-dressed**].

The man is **smartly dressed** [clean and tidy and suitable for formal situations].

The boy's clothes are more **casual** [comfortable and suitable for informal situations].



B

Verbs and phrases used with clothes



As soon as I get up, I have a shower and **get dressed** [put on my clothes]. I don't eat breakfast.



I have to **wear** a suit and tie to work, but I usually **take off** my tie before lunchtime. [remove it; *opp* **put something on**]



I prefer jackets with a zip; it's easier to **undo** a zip [open a zip, buttons, etc.] and it's also much quicker to **do it up**.



I think I look good **in black** because dark colours **suit** me. [I look good in dark colours; *opp* **bright colours**]



When I get home from work, I usually **change into** a pair of jeans.

Common mistakes

I like **clothes**. (NOT I like ~~cloth~~ or ~~cloths~~.)

I like your new **trousers**. (NOT I like your new ~~trouser~~.)

Exercises

21.1 Put the words into the correct columns.

boots earrings button top ring jumper bracelet scarf
necklace zip pocket cap sleeve tights collar

items of clothing	jewellery	parts of clothing
boots		

21.2 Find five more things that are different in the pictures.

- 1 The first woman is wearing a ring; the second isn't.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6



21.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Why don't you take *off* your coat?
- 2 Madison looks really nice *purple*.
- 3 He was very smartly- *this morning*. He had his best suit on.
- 4 It took me ages to put *these boots*.
- 5 You should wear bright colours more often; they *you*.
- 6 Julia couldn't do *the zip on her jacket*.
- 7 I changed *a pair of jeans* as soon as I got home.
- 8 I took my tie off and *the top button of my shirt*.
- 9 My brother takes his books to school in a *his back*. He says it's easier to carry them on his back.
- 10 I had a quick shower, got *then joined the others for breakfast*.

21.4 Over to you

Women, answer these questions.

- 1 What jewellery do you usually wear?
- 2 Which colours suit you best?
- 3 Do you prefer smart or casual clothes?
- 4 Do you generally look quite stylish?
- 5 Do you often wear a hat or a cap?
- 6 Do you often wear T-shirts or trainers?

Men, answer these questions.

- How often do you wear a suit?
- How often do you wear a tie?
- Do you usually do up the top button of your shirt?
- Do you often change into jeans after school or work?
- Do you often wear a hat or a cap?
- Do you often wear T-shirts or trainers?

A

Fashion

FASHION: WHICH ARE YOU?

- ☐ I usually **shop**¹ with a friend.
- ☐ I always **try on clothes**² before I buy them.
- ☐ I sometimes buy clothes that don't **suit me**³, just because they're **fashionable**⁴.
- ☐ If I buy trousers or a skirt, I buy a shirt or top to **go with**⁵ it at the same time.
- ☐ My **wardrobe**⁶ is full of clothes that I buy and hardly ever wear.
- ☐ I like to buy **designer labels**⁷, even though they're more expensive.
- ☐ I like wearing fashionable clothes, but the price has to be **reasonable**⁸.
- ☐ I never buy clothes just because they're **in fashion**⁹.
- ☐ I like to **dress in**¹⁰ clothes that are casual but still look quite fashionable.
- ☐ I'm always happy with what I've **got on**¹¹.

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- ¹ buy things in shops
² put clothes on in a shop to see what they are like
³ look good on me
⁴ popular at that particular time
⁵ look good together
⁶ a large cupboard for keeping clothes in
⁷ clothes made by famous designers, e.g. Versace, Dolce & Gabbana
⁸ not expensive
⁹ fashionable
¹⁰ wear a particular type, style or colour of clothes
¹¹ am wearing

Language help

If two things **match**, they are a similar colour or type. If two things **go with** each other, they look good together.

*Catherine's bag **matches** her coat. Catherine's bag **goes with** her coat.*

If something **suits** you, it looks good on you. If something **fits** you, it is the right size.

B

In a clothes shop

A **shop assistant** [a person who works in a shop] is **serving** different customers [helping them to buy things].

Shop assistant Can I help you?

Customer 1 No, I'm **being served**, thanks.
[another shop assistant is already helping me]

Shop assistant Do you need any help?

Customer 2 Yes, I've just tried on this jacket in a **size** 12, and it didn't really **fit** me; it's a bit **tight** [too small around the body; *opp* **loose**/big]. Have you got it in a bigger size?

Shop assistant We have got a size 14, but not in pink, I'm afraid.

Customer 2 Oh, **that's a shame** [that is disappointing; *syn* **that's a pity**]. OK. I'll **leave it**, thanks.
[I have decided not to buy it; *opp* I'll **take it/them**]

Shop assistant OK. I'm sorry about that. ... Can I help you?

Customer 3 Yes, I'm **looking for** a skirt and this looks nice. [I want to find a skirt] Can I try it on?

Shop assistant Yes, of course. The **changing rooms** are down there. [the place where you can try on clothes]

Exercises

22.1 Are these pairs similar in meaning or different in meaning?

- 1 *in fashion* and *fashionable* *similar*
- 2 *wardrobe* and *changing room*
- 3 *I'll take it* and *I'll leave it*
- 4 *match something* and *go with something*
- 5 *tight* and *loose*
- 6 *fit someone* and *suit someone*
- 7 *that's a shame* and *that's a pity*



22.2 Rewrite the sentences starting with the words given. Keep a similar meaning.

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| 1 I often shop with my mother. | I often go <i>shopping with my mother</i> |
| 2 These watches are fashionable. | These watches are in |
| 3 Your top matches your skirt. | Your top goes |
| 4 I like what I'm wearing. | I like what I've |
| 5 Those trousers suit you. | Those trousers look |
| 6 Are they the right size? | Do they |
| 7 I'd like it to be quite loose. | I don't want it to be too |
| 8 She always wears black. | She always in black. |

22.3 Which words are being defined?

- 1 be the right size *fit*
- 2 not cheap, but not expensive
- 3 a large cupboard for keeping clothes in
- 4 popular with people at a particular time
- 5 the place where you try on clothes in a shop
- 6 Armani and Calvin Klein are examples of this
- 7 a person who works in a shop
- 8 look after customers and help them to buy things

22.4 Complete the dialogues.

SHOP ASSISTANT: Can I help you?

CUSTOMER 1: I'm ¹ *looking for* a top. This one's quite nice. I think I'll
² it on.

SHOP ASSISTANT: Of course. The ³ room is just over there.

SHOP ASSISTANT: Do you need any help?

CUSTOMER 2: No, I'm being ⁴, thanks.

SHOP ASSISTANT: How was the top?

CUSTOMER 1: I'm afraid it didn't ⁵ very well. It was a bit
⁶ under the arms.

SHOP ASSISTANT: Oh, that's a ⁷ Would you like a bigger size?

CUSTOMER 1: No, I don't think so. In actual fact, it wasn't just the ⁸
I don't think it ⁹ me, actually. I think it's really for a younger
person. I'll ¹⁰ it, thanks.

22.5 Over to you

Look at the text at the top of the opposite page again. Which statements are true for you?
If possible, compare your answers with someone else.