

**Teachers: If the students are having a hard time with this vocabulary, grab an OPD and check out pages 88-90 for pictures of many of these items.**

**The intermediate classes are studying clothing. To make sure that the advanced classes know all the clothing vocabulary, answer these questions about clothing.**

1. What is the difference between a sports shirt and a dress shirt? When would you wear each one?
2. Do you own a leather jacket or a fleece pullover?
3. What is the difference between a raincoat and a poncho?
4. Do you own a straw hat? How about a straw cowboy hat?
5. What is the difference between a rain jacket and a windbreaker?
6. If you live in a cold climate, you probably have a down jacket. What is a down jacket? Do you own one?
7. Would you ever wear earmuffs?
8. Do you own rain boots?
9. When would you wear a bow tie? Are bow ties popular in your country? Do men generally wear a tie to work? Do children ever wear ties to school?
10. What is the difference between a handbag and a clutch purse? Which do you prefer to carry?
11. When is the last time you (or your husband) has worn a tuxedo? Do people wear tuxedos if they are in a wedding in your country? Do people own tuxedos? Can you rent tuxedos in your country? Do you think tuxedos are going out of style?
12. Do you prefer capris, shorts or long pants?
13. What is the difference between a cardigan sweater and a pullover sweater? Which is more comfortable to wear? Do you have both kinds of sweaters in your wardrobe?
14. Who wears maternity dresses? Do you think maternity dresses are ever fashionable? How did you feel about wearing maternity dresses?
15. Do you wear sandals or heels most often? Which do you prefer? Does your husband like you to wear heels? Do you like spike heels? Do you like high heels with very pointy toes? When you buy shoes, are you thinking about comfort or fashion? What is the most you have ever paid for a pair of shoes?
16. Do you wear tank tops often? Do you think older men look good in tank tops? How about older women?
17. Do you put outfits together or do you just grab a pair of jeans and a top?
18. Have you ever worn a uniform? Tell us about it.
19. Do you think it's okay to wear sweats to the mall? Do you like sweatshirts that are hoodies?
20. What are some fashion trends in your country that are different than here?
21. Did your high school have a dress code? Do you think the workplace should have a dress code? What are your own clothing rules? What are your clothing rules for your kids?

Sherry will go out to eat at the drop of a hat. You don't have to worry about calling ahead to see if she wants to go. She requires no preparation to go out.

James said he would be better at running the machine because he didn't have a crippled hand like Mike. I think that was really hitting below the belt. His comment was very unfair.

I ate so much at dinner that my pants are bursting at the seams. I'll have to cut back on what I eat so my clothing will fit.

My boss came into my office and asked for a copy of our quarterly report. That really caught me with my pants down. I didn't have a copy and didn't even know where I could get one. I had to run ask the secretary to bail me out.

It looks like Jim will get laid off, but he says he has a card up his sleeve. Maybe he plans to show his computer skills to his boss to keep from being laid off.

I really don't need any more clothes, but my dad gave me \$50 and it's burning a hole in his pocket.

Nancy showed up at the party dressed to kill. She had on a black cocktail dress and her diamond necklace. She looked great.

I tried on those pants and they fit like a glove. I had to buy them.

Before I turn in my report to the boss, I'll go over it again with a fine tooth comb. I don't want him to find any mistakes in my work.

Jeff got a job as salesman at a computer firm. He doesn't know anything about sales, but says he can fly by the seat of his pants.

We're collecting gently used hand me downs for the family whose home burned.

I was standing in the bathroom in my birthday suit when the phone rang. I couldn't answer it.

Just keep your shirt on! Your order will be ready in a minute.

John didn't mean to hurt your feelings with his off the cuff remark. It wasn't intentional.

Put yourself in my shoes. I can't afford to pay my rent and buy food, much less buy new clothes.

I take off my hat to anyone who can complete graduate school while working.

My father wears the pants in our family. My mother asks him before making decisions.

Grandpa wears his heart on his sleeve. He cries every time he sees the grandkids.

at the drop of a hat: without needing any advance notice

hitting below the belt: not playing fair

bursting at the seams: clothing that is too small

caught with your pants down: caught unprepared

have a card up your sleeve: have a secret plan

burn a hole in your pocket: money that you are tempted to spend

dressed to kill: dressed in nice, expensive clothes

fit like a glove: fit really well

go over it with a fine tooth comb: review in great detail

fly by the seat of your pants: do it by instinct, not by plan

hand-me-down: used clothing

in your birthday suit: nude

keep your shirt on: be patient

off the cuff remark: unplanned remark

put a sock in it: stop talking

put yourself in my shoes: think about how I must feel

take off your hat to someone: recognize and have respect for someone

wear the pants: be in control

wear your heart on your sleeve: display emotions openly