

**Look at the vocabulary on page 96 of the OPD. Pronounce the words. Ask questions about any words you don't know.**

1. Do you shop sales?
2. Do you shop at discount stores?
3. Do you prefer your clothes fit tightly or loosely?
4. Are sizes different here than in your country?
5. Are clothes a major part of your budget?
6. Do you enjoy fancy clothes?
7. Do you make simple repairs to your clothes like hemming and sewing on buttons?
8. Have you ever asked for a refund at a store? Do you have any questions about how to ask for a refund?
9. What neck style do you prefer on your shirt or blouse?
10. Was skirt length an issue when you were in school? In other words, did your mother tell you not to make your skirt shorter? Did you ever roll up your skirt after you left home?
11. Do parents complain more about what sons wear or daughters wear? Why do you think that is?
12. Do you like fabric with bright colored patterns?
13. Are there any colors you never wear?

**Idioms related to clothing:**

**hand me down**-used (especially used clothing)

Ex: My mother made me wear my brother's hand me downs. They didn't fit me well and they were stretched out and worn. I hated wearing hand me downs.

Did you ever have to wear hand me downs as a kid? Do you make your kids wear hand me downs?

**keep your shirt on**-calm down or be patient

Hurry up. It's time to go. Keep your shirt on. I'm coming.

Who is most easily upset if you run late, you or your spouse?

**put yourself in my shoes**-try to look at the problem from my point of view

If you put yourself in my shoes, you will understand why I made that decision.

**wear the pants**-be in charge

Ex: Jon's wife definitely wears the pants in that family. He won't even go out to lunch without asking his wife's permission.

Who wears the pants in your family?

**burn a hole in your pocket**-money that one is tempted to spend

Ex: I won one hundred dollars at a card game last night. Now it is burning a hole in my pocket.

Does money burn a hole in your pocket or is it easy for you to save your money?

**a wolf in sheep's clothing**-a person who pretends to be nice but is really mean

EX: Watch out for Mr. Jones. He's a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Do you have a similar expression in your country?

**wear your heart on your sleeve**-to show your emotions publicly

EX: Poor Jon wears his heart on his sleeve. You can always tell when he and his girlfriend aren't getting along.

**Read this conversation twice. Then discuss the meaning of the underlined expressions.**

**Wife:** I'm so tired of you spending all your time at the office. I think you stay late just to spend more time with your secretary!

**Husband:** Please, Carol. Could we have this conversation at home. Let's not air our dirty linen in public! And you're hitting below the belt when you accuse me of liking my secretary. I don't have any interest in her. I love you.

**Wife:** If that is true, why don't you give her the boot. You said she's not very good at her job.

**Husband:** I would like to fire her, but I will have to handle that with kid gloves. She could file a discrimination lawsuit against me.

**Wife:** You've been working for that company for forty years. Don't you think it's time to hang up your hat. I'd like you to spend more time with me. If you retired we could travel and enjoy our golden years together.

**Husband:** You have a bee in your bonnet about me retiring. You always bring that up. And I always tell you we can't afford to retire. You need to keep your shirt on and let me wear the pants. I'll retire when I have paid off our debts.

**Wife:** Maybe if you threatened to retire, you would get a raise. There is no one who could fill your shoes.

**Husband:** Let me repeat. I can't afford to retire. We can't live on a shoestring. You like to get all dressed up and go to fancy restaurants. I just need to buckle down and finish my career.

**Pronunciation:** In English PH and sometimes GH at the end of a word, sound like F. Practice pronouncing these words.

phony	photo	pharmacy	physician	telephone	elephant	orphan
pamphlet	trophy	alphabet	Philadelphia	graph	telegraph	photography
paragraph	nephew					

Circle the words where GH sounds like F

high	dough	trough	weigh	naughty	thigh	rough
enough	although	cough	sleigh	tough	bough	laugh