

**Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.**

**Singular and Plural Nouns**

These nouns are plural: jeans, pants, glasses, shorts, pajamas, binoculars, scissors

You can also use: "a pair of". We use a singular verb with "a pair of". EX: There is a pair of jeans in the washing machine. I need a new pair of glasses. That is a nice pair of jeans.

We use ARE not IS with plural nouns.

My pants are too short. My jeans are too tight. My shorts are blue. My pajamas are too big. My glasses are broken. The scissors are sharp.

Some nouns end in S, but are not plural. EX: athletics, economics, gymnastics, politics. We use IS, not ARE.

My favorite subject is economics. There is an athletics class in the gym.

In British English, maths is the term used for a math class. In American English, we say, "math". EX I am taking a math class. I will take math this semester.

- News is singular. EX: The news is on the TV at 6 PM.
- Countries are singular. EX: Italy is playing in the finals. Brazil is winning.
- These nouns are singular even though they talk about a group of people: committee, audience, company, family, staff, team. EX: The audience is applauding loudly. The company is going out of business. The family is on vacation in France.

The plural form of person is people. EX: She was the first person at the party. People often arrive late to parties. He is a nice person. They are nice people.

Police is plural. EX: The police are looking for the thief.

We treat sums of money (two thousand dollars), periods of time (three years) and distance (two miles) as singular. EX: Two miles is a long way to walk. Two thousand dollars is a lot of money. Three years is a long time to wait.

**Choose the correct verb.**

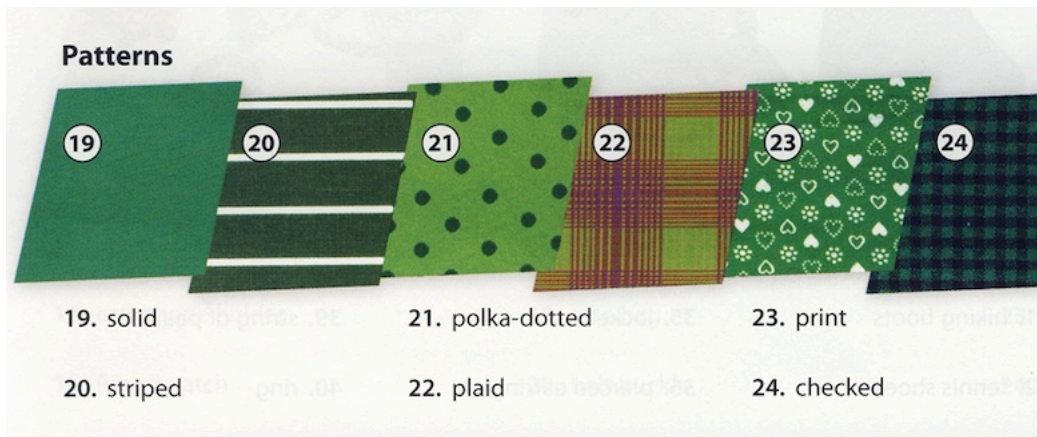
1. These pants (doesn't / don't) fit.
2. The police (has / have) arrested the thief.
3. The team (has / had) won all their games.
4. Math (was / were) my best subject in school.
5. The people here (is / are) nice.
6. Do you know where my glasses (is / are)?
7. Where (does / do) your family from?
8. The news (isn't / aren't) always bad.
9. My scissors (isn't / aren't) sharp.
10. Sue (was / were) wearing black jeans.

## Talking About Cloth and Clothing

**Cloth** is material. **Clothing** is material made into something to wear. Notice the different pronunciations of "cloth" and "clothing". In "cloth", the O is short. In "clothing", the O is long.

Pronounce this word = clothes. Notice the "th" is mostly silent. "Clothes" is pronounced like "close".

If you sew your own clothes, you need cloth or material. Look at these patterns of cloth.



Which patterns do you like. If you were going to make a man's shirt, would you select the print cloth with hearts? What about colors? Would you select pink cloth to make a man's shirt?

Cloth is made of different things. For example, wool cloth is made from sheep. Cashmere is a type of wool made from lambs. It is very soft.



What type of material is used to make shoes and belts?

Most t-shirts are made from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ material is made from silkworms.  
 Linen is made from the flax plant.

**We use adjectives to describe or label types of clothing. Look at the clothing below.**

**Styles**

7. crewneck sweater	11. sleeveless shirt	15. mini-skirt
8. V-neck sweater	12. short-sleeved shirt	16. short skirt
9. turtleneck sweater	13. 3/4-sleeved shirt	17. mid-length / calf-length skirt
10. scoop neck sweater	14. long-sleeved shirt	18. long skirt

The sweaters have four different kinds of neck. What are they? What is the difference between them? Which style of sweater do you prefer?

Notice the sleeve length on the shirts and blouses. (In America, men wear shirts and women wear blouses or shirts. In British English, military men wear shirts called blouses.)

Another name for clothing is garment. The women below work in a garment factory making clothes. They are sewing on their sewing machines (13). One woman is sewing with needle and thread (B). They are making men's shirts. Notice the shirts hanging on the rack (16).



When I was a child, most women knew how to sew. My mother and grandmother sewed all my clothes. I don't know how to sew. I can sew on buttons, but that is all. Sewing takes a lot of time and skill. Most people now buy their clothes. Do you know how to sew? Does your mother or grandmother?

### Phrasal Verbs

1-I went to the mall and **tried on** many pairs of shoes. None of them fit.

What do you do when you "try on" something? Is it difficult to find shoes that fit?

2-I like to **dress up** when I go out. Do you? What would you wear to a nice party or restaurant?

3-I ask my children to **hang up** their clothes when they take them off. Do you always **hang up** your clothes when you **take them off**?

4-He **rolled up** his sleeves and went to work. Show what we mean by **rolling up** your sleeves?

5-Dad **came home** late. He was very tired. He **sat down** in front of the TV and **kicked off** his shoes. What do you do to get comfortable when you get home? Do you **change into** different clothing or shoes?

6-Mom has very long hair. She wears her hair in a pony tail when she exercises. After she finishes she **lets down** her hair. Do you prefer long hair or short hair? If you have long hair, do you often wear it up?

7-The children can't dress themselves. They can't **button up** their shirts or **zip up** their jackets. Do you prefer jackets that button or zip?

8-Sally, I **gave away** your old clothes. You have grown very tall. I will alter your big sister's clothes to fit you. This skirt is too short. I will **let it out**. This blouse is too big. I will **take it in**. (Note: If you alter something, you change it. She will make the skirt longer. She will make the blouse smaller.) Did your parents let you wear short skirts and tight blouses? When I was in high school, the principal sent us home if our skirts were too short. Did you have a similar experience?

### Discuss Clothing:

1. Do you wear different clothing in the U.S. than in your country? Explain
2. Did you wear uniforms for school? Did you like that or hate it?
3. If you were invited to a big wedding, what would you wear?
4. In your country, do men wear suits to work?
5. Is it OK for men and women to wear jeans to work in your country?
6. Do you own any western clothing like cowboy boots or a cowboy hat?
7. Is it bad for people to wear fur coats?
8. If you are a woman, do you prefer to wear dresses or pants?
9. Men, do you buy your own clothes or does your wife buy them for you?
10. What other questions do you have about clothing or dressing?