

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 **servicing** 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.

- 1 I often shop with my mother. I often go *shopping with my mother*
- 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.