

IELTS Topic Vocabulary for Speaking test: Clothes and Fashion

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What you will find in this article:

- Common *questions* from Part 1, 2 and 3 of speaking test.
- *Collocations*, words and phrases that will help you to talk about food and diet.
- How other people tell *stories* related to clothes and fashion.
- Links to useful materials which you can use to *read articles, listen podcasts and watch video* about what people wear, types of clothes and styles.
- Vocabulary from sub-topics and related areas such as: fashion, dress codes, different kinds of clothes.

Part 1 Sample Questions

- What type of clothes do you like to wear?
- What kind of clothes do people in your country usually wear?
- How important is fashion to you?
- What kind of clothes do you dislike?
- Do you think people behave differently in different kinds of clothes?
- What kind of clothes do people wear to work in your country?
- Are clothes expensive in your country?

Part 2: Cue Card

Describe someone you know who dresses well. You should say

- who they are

- how you know them
- what kind of clothes they wear

and say why you like the way they dress.

Part 3 Sample Questions

- How important are clothes and fashion to you? [Why/Why not?]_⌘
- What kind of clothes do you dislike? [Why?]_⌘
- How different are the clothes you wear now from those you wore 10 years ago?_⌘
- What do you think the clothes we wear say about us?

Reading: Clothes and Fashion Vocabulary from QUORA

I am a 28 year old female. How do I dress my age?

- apparel
- what your style is
- what's the style you feel most comfortable in
- casual
- sweatshirt
- tees, jeans
- girly

- dress
- skirt
- do you like to follow trend?
- most used outfits
- to look age-appropriate
- to choose your color palette
- bright colors

- length that goes down to your kneecap
- to look mature
- to appropriate for all occasions

Source:

[I am a 28 year old female. How do I dress my age?](#)

How To Dress For Your Age | Appropriate Styles For Men Of Different Ages

I recommend to check out this article I found on realmenrealstyle.com. I am not sure it's going to help you to dress better, but I can assure you'll find lots of great vocabulary related to different types of clothing.

What's more, there are a lot of examples of how you can describe different styles.

Finally, it's a great resource to grasp from context the meaning of words, difference between close terms and accents

- balding man
- board shorts
- casual dress
- to wear any style
- funky, bright colored trousers
- to pair ... with
- dress shoes

- wardrobe
- hipster
- polo
- to play around a little
- to experiment
- stylish young man
- in the closet

- varying the look
- to dress classic-sharp
- slacks
- dark blazer
- hoodie
- jeans
- casual clothing

- casual outfit
- sharp-looking accessories
- well-fitted blue jeans

- a light-colored blazer
 - brightly-colored pieces
 - T-shirt
 - trousers
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- conservative outfit
 - belt
 - to look sloppy
 - colored sneakers
 - saddle shoes
 - moccasins
 - socks
-
- business dress
 - conservative trousers
 - dress shirt
 - to look like a grown man
 - loose, baggy suit
 - in-house adjustments
 - take something to tailor
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- to avoid loose cloth
 - to stick to basic styles
 - to wear suit and tie
 - sports jacket

Source:

[How To Dress For Your Age | Appropriate Styles For Men Of Different Ages](#)

Podcast: Clothes and Fashion Vocabulary

The 30 Days Of Discipline Podcast: Dress Your Best Everyday

- to dress up

- wearing ties
 - dress shoes
 - dress pants
 - having my wallet in front pocket
 - thing that always bothered me
 - I'm not dressing badly by any means
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- I loved collecting hoodies sweatshirts
 - I have that many
 - I could wear one for almost everyday of the month
 - fits me surprisingly
 - a perfect weather for it
 - to keep it on in the office
 - everybody dresses really casually
 - it supposed to be business casual
 - I dressed really nice

Source:

[The 30 Days Of Discipline Podcast: Dress Your Best Everyday](#)

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Dress Codes!

- dress codes
 - can't wear their pants hanging down
 - to be pulled up
 - brands
 - incredibly positive shirt
 - to wear leggings
 - they are see-through
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- yoga pants
 - some ladies look really good in them
 - regardless of wether you look good...

- distracting and odd
 - to be in the mood for that
 - I would not wear
 - modesty
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- yoga pants can be overly revealing
 - school has policy
 - understandable
 - to accept

Source:

[MyIf Talk: Dress Codes](#)

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Personal Style Institute: Things to remember when you go into the fitting room

- I am a women of size
 - fitting room
 - I am trying on clothes
 - to have body issues
 - you are a lot skinnier than you think
 - you do not really know what you look like
 - feeling like you are 26
-
- feeling like your hips too big
 - bad dressing
 - we know our shortcomings
 - people wearing clothing that...
 - you should get a stylist
 - to wear the right clothing
 - to be confident

Source:

[Personal Style Institute: Things to remember when you go into the fitting room](#)

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Clothes and Fashion Videos

To tell the truth, I couldn't find a decent videos about this topic. I almost gave up , because TED.com is not a place where you can find wide variety of talks about fashion. It's more about technology, scones and people.

However, eventually I found a video that I liked. Although it has no a lot of useful vocabulary for this topic It carries some good ideas to think about or discuss.

In case you've never visited ted.com, there is a great feature called "Interactive Transcript". As you watch video, you can also see transcript divided into paragraphs with underlined words following video. I believe, It can be very useful for language learners.

TED Talk By Cameron Russel: Looks aren't everything. Believe me, I'm a model.

- uncomfortable hills
- ...we can do to transform how we look
- ...how we look has a huge impact on our lives
- hairstylist
- makeup artist
- photographer
- free stuff
- 8-inch heels
- ... I never get to wear

Links Mentioned in This Blogpost

- [quora.com](https://www.quora.com)
- [ted.com](https://www.ted.com)
- [podcastchart.com](https://www.podcastchart.com)