

DAY 1 - FIRST DAY AT WORK

1. SPEAK NOW

What do you usually wear to work or school?

Talk to your partner.

2. USEFUL WORDS Add your own:

smart
casual
formal
comfortable
uniform
suit
shirt
jacket
trousers
dress
shoes
trainers

3. USEFUL PHRASES

I'm starting a new job as...

I'm planning to wear...

I don't want to wear...

I'm worried about...

Do you think I should...?

You could wear...

I think you should...

I think... would be better.

Add your own:

4. ROLE PLAY SPEAKING

1. What's your new job?
2. Where are you going to work?
3. Why is this job important to you?
4. What are you planning to wear?
5. What shoes are you going to wear?
6. Is there anything else you're going to wear or take?
7. Is there anything you don't want to wear?
8. What are you worried about?

9. Make a recommendation.

5. CREATE YOUR OWN AVATAR

New job: _____

Workplace: _____

Why it's important: _____

Planning to wear: _____

Shoes: _____

Also: _____

Don't want to wear: _____

Worried about: _____

Talk to another person as your new avatar.

6. FREE SPEAKING

Find a new partner.

Who was best dressed for their new job? Why?

Who needed the most help? Why?

What did you recommend?

DAY 1 AVATARS

AVATAR 1 - MAYA, TRAINEE LAWYER

Tomorrow is your first day at Harrison & Cole, one of the biggest law firms in the city. You've worked for years to get this job, but you're worried that you'll look too young and inexperienced.

New job: trainee lawyer

Workplace: Harrison & Cole

Why important: first job after university

Planning to wear: dark blue suit + white shirt

Shoes: black flat shoes

Also: long black coat + silver earrings

Don't want to wear: high heels

Worried about: looking too young

AVATAR 2 - BEN, SKI INSTRUCTOR

Tomorrow is your first day at Summit Peak Ski School, where you'll teach beginner skiers. Skiing is your dream job, but you haven't really thought about whether your clothes are suitable for spending all day in the snow.

New job: ski instructor

Workplace: Summit Peak Ski School

Why important: dream job

Planning to wear: jeans + cotton jumper

Shoes: ordinary trainers

Also: sunglasses

Don't want to wear: heavy ski jacket

Worried about: getting too hot

AVATAR 3 - SOFIA, NIGHTCLUB DJ

Tonight is your first regular DJ shift at Neon Room, one of the busiest clubs in town. Hundreds of people will see you, so you want to look interesting without being uncomfortable for five hours.

New job: nightclub DJ

Workplace: Neon Room

Why important: first regular professional DJ job

Planning to wear: black trousers + bright silver jacket

Shoes: comfortable black trainers

Also: headphones + colourful glasses
Don't want to wear: uncomfortable shoes
Worried about: looking boring

AVATAR 4 - DANIEL, CHEF

Tomorrow you start work at The Copper Table, a famous restaurant where you've always wanted to work. It's your first professional kitchen job, and you're worried about staying comfortable in the extremely hot kitchen.

New job: chef
Workplace: The Copper Table
Why important: first professional restaurant job
Planning to wear: chef's jacket + black trousers
Shoes: strong non-slip shoes
Also: apron
Don't want to wear: anything heavy
Worried about: getting too hot

AVATAR 5 - LUCY, PERSONAL TRAINER

Tomorrow you start at Pulse Fitness Club, where you'll have your first clients of your own. You want to look professional, but you're worried that normal sports clothes won't make a good first impression.

New job: personal trainer
Workplace: Pulse Fitness Club
Why important: first clients of her own
Planning to wear: sports leggings + smart white blouse
Shoes: high heels
Also: sports jacket
Don't want to wear: old gym clothes
Worried about: not looking professional enough

AVATAR 6 - MARCO, BUILDER

Tomorrow you start work for Stone & Beam Construction on a large new hotel project. It's your first full-time construction job, and you want to impress the team without wearing uncomfortable safety clothes all day.

New job: builder
Workplace: Stone & Beam Construction
Why important: first full-time job
Planning to wear: shorts + T-shirt
Shoes: old trainers
Also: baseball cap
Don't want to wear: heavy work boots
Worried about: being uncomfortable all day

AVATAR 7 - HANNAH, HOTEL RECEPTIONIST

Tomorrow you start at The Grand Alpine Hotel, a luxury hotel that welcomes guests from around the world. You want to look professional and friendly, but you're worried about being on your feet for eight hours.

New job: hotel receptionist
Workplace: The Grand Alpine Hotel

Why important: wants a career in hotels

Planning to wear: black trousers + white shirt + smart jacket

Shoes: comfortable black shoes

Also: small necklace

Don't want to wear: trainers

Worried about: being on her feet all day

AVATAR 8 - JAMIE, WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Tomorrow you begin your first assignment for Wild Earth Magazine, photographing birds in a wet forest. You've wanted this job since you were a teenager, but you're trying so hard to look professional that you've packed some unusual clothes for the forest.

New job: wildlife photographer

Workplace: Wild Earth Magazine

Why important: dream career

Planning to wear: smart beige trousers + white shirt

Shoes: expensive brown leather shoes

Also: camera + light jacket

Don't want to wear: waterproof trousers

Worried about: not looking professional

DAY 2 - THE BIG EVENT

1. SPEAK NOW

What do you wear when you want to look really good?

Talk to your partner.

2. USEFUL WORDS Add your own:

wedding
funeral
date
interview
graduation
festival
formal
elegant
colourful
plain
comfortable
appropriate

3. USEFUL PHRASES

I'm going to...
I'm thinking of wearing...
I'm not sure about...
I'm worried about...
Do you think it's too...?
You could...
I think you should...
I wouldn't wear...

Add your own:

4. ROLE PLAY SPEAKING

1. Where are you going?
2. Why is the event important?
3. Who are you going with?
4. What are you planning to wear?
5. What shoes are you going to wear?
6. Is there anything else you're taking or wearing?
7. What aren't you sure about?
8. What are you worried about?

9. Make a recommendation.

5. CREATE YOUR OWN AVATAR

Event: _____

Why important: _____

Going with: _____

Planning to wear: _____

Shoes: _____

Also: _____

Not sure about: _____

Worried about: _____

Talk to another person as your new avatar.

6. FREE SPEAKING

Find a new partner.

Who chose the best outfit?

Who needed to change something?

What did you recommend?

DAY 2 AVATARS

AVATAR 1 - ELENA, WEDDING GUEST

Your older sister is getting married tomorrow at Rosewood Gardens, and you're giving a speech in front of 120 guests. You're excited about the wedding, but your beautiful new shoes already hurt after ten minutes.

Event: sister's wedding

Why important: giving a speech

Going with: family

Planning to wear: elegant green dress

Shoes: new high heels

Also: light jacket

Not sure about: painful shoes

Worried about: standing all afternoon

AVATAR 2 - NOAH, MUSIC FESTIVAL

Tomorrow you're going to Wild Sound Festival with three friends to see your favourite band. You've bought a great new outfit, but the weather forecast says there will be heavy rain all weekend.

Event: outdoor music festival

Why important: favourite band is playing

Going with: three friends

Planning to wear: black jeans + band T-shirt

Shoes: new white trainers

Also: sunglasses

Not sure about: new trainers in the rain

Worried about: getting wet

AVATAR 3 - AISHA, JOB INTERVIEW

Tomorrow you have an interview at BrightSpark Media, the company you've wanted to work for since university. You want to look confident and professional, but you're worried that your favourite bright red shirt may be too colourful.

Event: job interview

Why important: dream company

Going with: alone

Planning to wear: smart jacket + black trousers + red shirt

Shoes: clean black shoes

Also: simple necklace

Not sure about: bright red shirt

Worried about: looking too colourful

AVATAR 4 - TYLER, FUNERAL

Tomorrow you're going to a funeral at St Mark's Church to support your best friend after his grandfather died. You've never been to a funeral before, so you have no idea what people normally wear.

Event: funeral

Why important: supporting best friend

Going with: friend

Planning to wear: bright Hawaiian shirt + beige shorts

Shoes: sandals

Also: baseball cap

Not sure about: nothing

Worried about: being late

AVATAR 5 - MEI, FIRST DATE

Tonight you're meeting Alex for dinner at Luna, a fashionable little restaurant in the city centre. You really like Alex and want to look good, but you don't want to look as if you've spent three hours choosing your clothes.

Event: first date

Why important: really likes Alex

Going with: Alex

Planning to wear: favourite jeans + stylish black top

Shoes: ankle boots

Also: small jacket

Not sure about: jeans

Worried about: trying too hard

AVATAR 6 - SAM, GRADUATION

Tomorrow is your graduation ceremony at Riverside University, and your whole family is travelling to see you. You're the first person in your family to graduate, but you've realised that your only comfortable shoes are old running shoes.

Event: graduation

Why important: first person in family to graduate

Going with: family

Planning to wear: suit + graduation gown

Shoes: old running shoes

Also: tie

Not sure about: shoes

Worried about: being uncomfortable

AVATAR 7 - ROSA, WORK DINNER

Tomorrow your new boss is taking the team to Maison Pierre, one of the city's most expensive restaurants. It's your first social event with your new colleagues, and you can't decide whether your favourite leather jacket is too casual.

Event: work dinner

Why important: first event with new colleagues

Going with: boss + colleagues

Planning to wear: smart black dress

Shoes: black boots

Also: leather jacket

Not sure about: leather jacket

Worried about: getting the dress code wrong

AVATAR 8 - DYLAN, BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tonight you're going to your best friend's 30th birthday at The Riverside Club, where you'll see people you haven't met for years. You want to feel comfortable, but you're beginning to wonder if your usual weekend clothes are too casual.

Event: birthday party

Why important: seeing old friends

Going with: friends

Planning to wear: old football shirt + tracksuit bottoms

Shoes: trainers

Also: hoodie

Not sure about: football shirt

Worried about: looking too casual

DAY 3 - PACK YOUR SUITCASE

1. SPEAK NOW

What's one thing you always take on holiday?

Talk to your partner.

2. USEFUL WORDS Add your own:

swimsuit
shorts
jumper
coat
rain jacket
walking boots
sandals
sun hat
warm
light
waterproof
comfortable

3. USEFUL PHRASES

I'm going to...

I'm taking...

I'm not taking...

The weather will be...

You'll definitely need...

You should take...

I wouldn't take...

You might need...

Add your own:

4. ROLE PLAY SPEAKING

1. Where are you going?
2. What are you going to do there?
3. What's the weather going to be like?
4. What clothes are you taking?
5. What shoes are you taking?
6. What jacket or coat are you taking?
7. What aren't you taking?
8. What aren't you sure about?

9. Make a recommendation.

5. CREATE YOUR OWN AVATAR

Destination: _____

Activities: _____

Weather: _____

Clothes: _____

Shoes: _____

Jacket/coat: _____

Not taking: _____

Not sure about: _____

Talk to another person as your new avatar.

6. FREE SPEAKING

Find a new partner.

Who was best prepared?

Who was going to have the biggest problem?

What did you recommend?

DAY 3 AVATARS

AVATAR 1 - KATE, QUEENSTOWN

Next week you're flying to Queenstown, New Zealand, for your first ever ski holiday. You've never seen snow before, and you think your normal winter clothes will probably be warm enough.

Destination: Queenstown

Activities: skiing + sightseeing

Weather: freezing + snow

Clothes: jeans + T-shirts + one jumper

Shoes: trainers

Jacket/coat: light rain jacket

Not taking: gloves

Not sure about: whether one jumper is enough

AVATAR 2 - DIEGO, FIJI

Next week you're flying to Coral Bay Resort in Fiji for your honeymoon. You've packed for the beach, but you're worried that the resort restaurants might expect guests to dress more smartly in the evening.

Destination: Fiji

Activities: beach + swimming + restaurants

Weather: hot + sunny

Clothes: shorts + T-shirts + swimsuit

Shoes: sandals

Jacket/coat: huge winter coat

Not taking: sun hat

Not sure about: restaurant clothes

AVATAR 3 - LILY, LONDON

Next month you're spending a week in London and finally visiting places you've wanted to see for years. You plan to walk everywhere, but your favourite boots sometimes hurt after a few hours.

Destination: London

Activities: sightseeing + theatre + lots of walking

Weather: cold + rainy

Clothes: jeans + jumpers + smart dress

Shoes: favourite boots

Jacket/coat: waterproof coat

Not taking: umbrella

Not sure about: boots

AVATAR 4 - OMAR, MOUNTAIN TRIP

This weekend you're joining Alpine Adventures for a three-day mountain hike with some experienced friends. You've bought expensive new walking boots, but you've never actually worn them before.

Destination: mountains

Activities: hiking + camping

Weather: cold nights + possible rain

Clothes: sports clothes + warm jumper

Shoes: brand-new walking boots

Jacket/coat: waterproof jacket

Not taking: extra socks

Not sure about: new boots

AVATAR 5 - ZOE, BEACH FESTIVAL

You're spending three days camping at SunWave Festival, a huge music festival beside the beach. The days should be hot, so you've only packed summer clothes, but the temperature drops quickly after sunset.

Destination: beach festival

Activities: concerts + dancing + camping

Weather: hot days + cool nights

Clothes: shorts + colourful tops

Shoes: sandals

Jacket/coat: none

Not taking: warm clothes

Not sure about: nothing

AVATAR 6 - HARRY, BUSINESS TRIP

Your company, Northstar Technologies, is sending you to Singapore to meet one of its biggest clients. It's your first international business trip, and you want to make a good impression, but you're not sure what people wear in the heat.

Destination: Singapore

Activities: meetings + business dinner

Weather: hot + humid

Clothes: two heavy suits + shirts

Shoes: smart leather shoes

Jacket/coat: suit jackets

Not taking: casual clothes

Not sure about: what to wear outside meetings

AVATAR 7 - NINA, AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

Next month you're joining Red Earth Photography Tours for a week in the Australian Outback. You've packed for extremely hot days, but another traveller has told you that the nights can be surprisingly cold.

Destination: Australian Outback

Activities: walking + photography

Weather: very hot days + cold nights

Clothes: shorts + T-shirts

Shoes: sandals

Jacket/coat: none

Not taking: long trousers

Not sure about: what to wear at night

AVATAR 8 - FINN, SKI WEEKEND

Your friends have invited you to Snowridge Resort for a last-minute ski weekend. You've never skied before, and because you're borrowing most of your equipment, you're not sure what else you need.

Destination: Snowridge Resort

Activities: skiing

Weather: snow + wind

Clothes: borrowed ski trousers + warm jumper

Shoes: ski boots at resort

Jacket/coat: warm ski jacket

Not taking: sunglasses or goggles

Not sure about: what else is necessary

DAY 4 - FASHION EMERGENCY

1. SPEAK NOW

Have you ever had a problem with your clothes?

Talk to your partner.

2. USEFUL WORDS Add your own:

stain
wet
dirty
ripped
tight
loose
broken
uncomfortable
forgotten
change
borrow
replace

3. USEFUL PHRASES

I've got a problem.

My... is/are...

I accidentally...

I forgot...

What should I do?

You could...

Why don't you...?

I think you should...

Add your own:

4. ROLE PLAY SPEAKING

1. Where are you?
2. What are you doing today?
3. What are you wearing?
4. What's the problem?
5. How did it happen?
6. What have you got with you?
7. What can you change?
8. What do you think you should do?

9. Recommend a solution.

5. CREATE YOUR OWN AVATAR

Place: _____

Situation: _____

Wearing: _____

Problem: _____

How it happened: _____

Have with you: _____

Can change: _____

What should you do?: _____

Talk to another person as your new avatar.

6. FREE SPEAKING

Find a new partner.

Who had the biggest emergency?

What happened?

What solution did you recommend?

DAY 4 AVATARS

AVATAR 1 - EMILY, THE COFFEE DISASTER

In ten minutes you're giving an important presentation to the directors of Westbridge Bank. A colleague has just knocked an enormous cup of coffee over your white shirt, and you don't have time to go home.

Place: Westbridge Bank

Situation: presentation in ten minutes

Wearing: white shirt + black trousers

Problem: huge coffee stain

How it happened: colleague knocked over coffee

Have with you: jacket

Can change: no spare shirt

Think you should: wear jacket and hope nobody notices

AVATAR 2 - JOSH, THE PAINFUL SHOES

You're at your cousin's wedding at Rose Manor, and the party will continue for another six hours. You bought beautiful new shoes yesterday, but your feet already hurt so much that you can hardly walk.

Place: Rose Manor

Situation: cousin's wedding

Wearing: smart suit

Problem: new shoes really hurt

How it happened: wore brand-new shoes

Have with you: nothing else

Can change: maybe borrow something

Think you should: take shoes off

AVATAR 3 - LARA, THE WEATHER CHANGE

You're waiting for your favourite band at Greenfield Park Summer Concert. You dressed for a warm afternoon, but the temperature has suddenly dropped and the concert hasn't even started.

Place: Greenfield Park

Situation: outdoor concert

Wearing: shorts + T-shirt

Problem: suddenly freezing

How it happened: weather changed

Have with you: small bag

Can change: nothing

Think you should: buy something warm

AVATAR 4 - ALEX, THE RIP

You've just arrived at Blackwood Design for the most important job interview you've ever had. When you sat down in reception, your very tight smart trousers suddenly ripped.

Place: Blackwood Design

Situation: interview in five minutes

Wearing: smart trousers + shirt

Problem: ripped trousers

How it happened: trousers too tight

Have with you: long coat

Can change: no

Think you should: keep coat on

AVATAR 5 - MIA, THE WRONG SIZE

You're getting ready for your best friend's birthday dinner at The Lantern Room, and you need to leave in twenty minutes. The expensive dress you ordered online has just arrived, but it's much bigger than you expected.

Place: home

Situation: birthday dinner soon

Wearing: new dress

Problem: much too big

How it happened: ordered wrong size

Have with you: old clothes

Can change: yes

Think you should: wear new dress anyway

AVATAR 6 - RYAN, THE RAIN

You're walking to Botanic Gardens Café for a first date you've been looking forward to all week. Heavy rain has suddenly started, and your carefully chosen clothes are getting wetter every minute.

Place: city centre

Situation: first date in fifteen minutes

Wearing: smart shirt + trousers

Problem: completely wet

How it happened: sudden rain

Have with you: no umbrella

Can change: no

Think you should: run to a shop

AVATAR 7 - SARA, THE SAME DRESS

You've arrived at your friend's wedding at Willow House wearing the new red dress you spent weeks choosing. You've just discovered that another guest is wearing exactly the same dress.

Place: Willow House

Situation: wedding reception

Wearing: bright red dress

Problem: another guest has identical dress

How it happened: coincidence

Have with you: jacket

Can change: no

Think you should: hide in the bathroom

AVATAR 8 - TOM, THE FORGOTTEN UNIFORM

You've arrived for your first evening shift at Bella Napoli Restaurant, and your manager is already waiting for you. You've suddenly realised that your new uniform is still hanging on your bedroom door at home.

Place: Bella Napoli Restaurant

Situation: first shift starts in five minutes

Wearing: jeans + T-shirt

Problem: uniform at home

How it happened: forgot it

Have with you: apron

Can change: maybe borrow a uniform

Think you should: tell the manager

DAY 5 - I NEED SOMETHING TO WEAR

1. SPEAK NOW

What's the last item of clothing you bought?

Are you happy with it?

Talk to your partner.

2. USEFUL WORDS

Add your own:

size

style

colour

fit

cheap

expensive

comfortable

smart

casual

tight

loose

try on

3. USEFUL PHRASES

I'm looking for...

I need something for...

I'd like...

I don't want...

My budget is...

What about...?

You could try...

I think you should...

Add your own:

4. ROLE PLAY SPEAKING

1. What are you looking for?

2. Why do you need it?

3. When do you need it?

4. What style would you like?

5. What colours do you like?

6. Is there anything you don't want?

7. How much do you want to spend?

8. What are you worried about?

9. Make a recommendation.

5. CREATE YOUR OWN AVATAR

Looking for: _____

Why: _____

When: _____

Style: _____

Colours: _____

Don't want: _____

Budget: _____

Worried about: _____

Talk to another person as your new avatar.

6. FREE SPEAKING

Find a new partner.

Who was easiest to help?

Who was hardest to help?

What did you recommend?

DAY 5 AVATARS

AVATAR 1 - LEO, FIRST SUIT

Next Friday you're starting your first office job at Wellington & Price Accountants, where everyone seems to dress very smartly. You've never owned a suit before, and you're worried about spending a lot of money on something uncomfortable.

Looking for: first suit

Why: new office job

When: next Friday

Style: smart but modern

Colours: dark blue or grey

Don't want: anything very formal or tight

Budget: \$300

Worried about: being uncomfortable

AVATAR 2 - AMELIA, WEDDING SHOES

Next month you're going to your best friend's wedding at Lakeview Estate, and you've already bought a beautiful green dress. You need shoes to go with it, but at the last wedding you attended your feet hurt all night.

Looking for: shoes

Why: best friend's wedding

When: next month

Style: elegant but comfortable

Colours: black, silver or cream

Don't want: very high heels

Budget: \$150

Worried about: painful feet

AVATAR 3 - MATEO, WINTER COAT

You've just moved to Queenstown to work at Alpine View Hotel, and this will be your first New Zealand winter. You've never lived anywhere this cold, so you don't really know what kind of coat you need.

Looking for: winter coat

Why: first winter in Queenstown

When: before winter starts

Style: casual

Colours: black, blue or green

Don't want: anything too heavy

Budget: \$250

Worried about: not being warm enough

AVATAR 4 - CHLOE, CONCERT OUTFIT

On Saturday you're going to see your favourite band at The Electric Room, and you've been looking forward to the concert for months. You want something fun and different, but you also want to dance for several hours.

Looking for: complete outfit

Why: concert

When: Saturday

Style: colourful + unusual

Colours: bright colours

Don't want: boring clothes

Budget: \$120

Worried about: being uncomfortable

AVATAR 5 - YUKI, HIKING BOOTS

Next month you're joining Southern Trails Adventures for your first three-day hiking trip. Your friends have good walking boots, but you normally walk in trainers and know almost nothing about hiking shoes.

Looking for: walking boots

Why: three-day hiking trip

When: next month

Style: practical + comfortable

Colours: doesn't matter

Don't want: very heavy boots

Budget: \$200

Worried about: getting sore feet

AVATAR 6 - JACK, FIRST DATE

On Friday you're meeting someone for dinner at The Olive Tree, a smart restaurant you've never visited before. You want to buy something new, but you don't want to look as if you're trying too hard.

Looking for: shirt

Why: first date

When: Friday

Style: smart-casual

Colours: blue, white or green

Don't want: anything too formal

Budget: \$100

Worried about: looking overdressed

AVATAR 7 - PRIYA, JOB INTERVIEW

On Monday you have an interview at Brightline Architecture, where you really want to work. Your normal clothes are very casual, and you're not sure how formal you should look for a creative company.

Looking for: interview outfit

Why: important job interview

When: Monday

Style: professional but modern

Colours: neutral colours

Don't want: traditional business suit

Budget: \$250

Worried about: being too casual

AVATAR 8 - OSCAR, BEACH HOLIDAY

Next week you're flying to Palm Cove Resort for ten days with friends. You haven't bought summer clothes for years, and almost everything in your wardrobe is black.

Looking for: summer clothes

Why: beach holiday

When: next week

Style: relaxed + casual

Colours: wants to try something brighter

Don't want: tight clothes

Budget: \$180

Worried about: buying things he'll never wear again