



PART 1 – Clothes and Fashion



1. What type of clothes do you like to wear?

Well, I prefer **casual clothes** – simple and comfortable. A **pair of jeans** and a **shirt** would be perfect. I am not really the **fashionable type**. But of course, I also **dress up** for special occasions.

2. What kind of clothes do people in your country usually wear?

Climate affects people's clothing. I live in the tropics, so people in my country usually wear clothes with **light fabrics**. We also wear light-colored clothes. For **casual attire**, a **pair of jeans** or **short pants** and a **shirt** for men or **blouse** for women are common.

3. How important is fashion to you?

I am not much worried about it *actually*. I prefer wearing simple *yet* presentable clothes.

4. What kind of clothes do you dislike?

Well, I dislike wearing **untidy** and **eccentric** clothes. An example would be tearing or ripped jeans. I also avoid clothes with **flashy colors** or those that are too **stunning**.

5. Do you think people behave differently in different kinds of clothes?

Yes, I think people behave differently when they wear different clothes. *For example*, one who wears formal clothes may portray an image of being professional and confident. Wearing casual clothes, *on the other hand*, makes us look comfortable and relaxed.

6. What kind of clothes do people wear to work in your country?

Those who work in the corporate / wear either smart casual or business/formal attire / on a regular work day./ Some employees/ such as teachers/ have uniforms.// Other workers/are allowed to wear casual clothes to work.//



IELTS Speaking Tip - Fluency

This is a two-in-one assessment criterion with a weight of 25%. Fluency is associated with smooth, effortless speech delivered at a natural pace. Coherence is the quality of organized and easy-to-follow response with the use of linking words and other transitional devices.

To help improve your FC, practice using a variety of the following structures and expressions:

- **...as I think...**
- **I would like to ... , ... , ... and ... , with**
- **...for example when...**
- **...somewhere like ... or maybe even in...during... -**



PART 2

CUE CARD 1:

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.

Let me talk about a friend *who* dresses very well. Her name is Tina. We are of the same age and she is currently a professor in a prestigious university in my country. *Although* she is not in the fashion industry, she dresses fashionably. She is tall, not very slim and is very attractive.

She has been my friend since high school. I get to see her from time to time *as* she *also* lives in my neighborhood. We *also* spend time together with friends *especially* on weekends.

Actually, she doesn't have a specific dressing preference or style. *I think* she bases her attire on the weather *as well as* on occasions and events. I *usually* see her wearing light colored dresses and high-heeled shoes *when* she goes to work. She *also* wears formal clothes. She is fond of accessories *which* look fashionable. Her footwear always matches her dress. *I think* /she has a huge collection of clothes,/ shoes and bags/ *as* I rarely see her wearing / the same set /*after* some time. //I see her wear casual clothes too *but* they don't look plain or boring on her.

I think she can carry herself very well in any kind of dress. She looks comfortable *no matter* what her attire is. She always looks clean and tidy. I like her style *because* she doesn't dress extravagantly or offensively. She always looks professional and presentable.

SOURCE: *thetesttaker.com*



CUE CARD 2:

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.

I'd like to talk about one of my teachers, Miss Evans. She teaches us English in the school (*where*) I go to. We *always* look forward to seeing what she's going to wear *when* our lessons start. She's always very **well dressed** and **takes a lot of pride in her appearance**. It's not that she dresses in very **smart clothes**. She doesn't come to school **dressed to kill** or anything like that, *but* what she wears really **suits her**, *and* she has a great **sense of style** *as well*. We often ask her where she gets some of her clothes *and* most of the time they're just **off the peg**. She says (*that*) she's not interested in **designer labels** or anything like that. She doesn't seem too concerned *about* **keeping up with the latest fashion**. She just wears clothes that are **timeless**. Yes, Miss Evans is the person I think looks great in the clothes she wears.

SOURCE: *ielts speaking.co.uk*



PART 3

How important are clothes and fashion to you? [Why/Why not?]

Clothes and fashion are not that important to me. I always prefer comfortable clothes but making sure that I'd **look presentable** and clean. I am more practical in choosing what I wear.

How different are the clothes you wear now from those you wore 10 years ago?

Well, I can say that there hasn't been much change with the clothes I wear now with that of about 10 years ago. I still wear the regular jeans and shirt for casual days or formal clothes at business events. But, I think since the trend has changed, the kind of these basic clothing has also changed for me, especially when it comes to the style of the jeans and shirts. I used to wear **straight-cut jeans** but nowadays, I wear **contemporary style** such as **slim-fit clothes**.

What do you think the clothes we wear say about us?

At times, I think the clothes we wear may show part of our personality or status. For example, clothing may determine the kind of job a person has. For some, it may be a tool for expression. Some could be stylish and fashionable which may reflect their personality as being creative.

What factors do you think affect the clothes we choose to wear?

It depends ... where we are or where we're going is a big factor ... if you are going out to a club or party you're going to dress for the occasion ... and then there are those who think it's important to look like they're on trend ... they'll want to wear the latest fashions ... there are lots of factors really ...

What kind of things determine what is in fashion and what we should be wearing?

I suppose the big **fashion houses** and **fashion shows** must have an effect but the clothes you see on the **catwalk** don't always reflect what normal people wear ... *so I suppose* it will be things like what singers are wearing in videos or models are wearing in magazines ... that kind of thing ...

Is it possible to look good without spending lots of money on clothes?

I'm sure it is ... yes ... I suppose it's about having an eye for what looks good ... knowing how to mix and match different items of clothing that go well together ... I think you can pick up great bargains in charity shops ... sometimes for youngsters even hand-me-downs can look good ...

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Basic Vocabulary

● Clothes Vocabulary in English

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Advanced vocabulary and natural expressions for this topic

- **casual clothes** : Informal, everyday dress
Ex. Every last Friday of the month council staff donate a pound to wear **casual clothes** to work.
- **fashionable** : popular or in fashion at a particular time
Ex. People can spend small fortunes on themselves, go out to all the trendy places and stand around admiring themselves in their **fashionable** clothes.
- **dress up** : dress in smart or formal clothes
Ex. I am not really the **fashionable** type. But of course, I also **dress up** for special occasions.
- **light fabrics** : relatively low in density; cloth, typically produced by weaving or knitting textile fiber.
Ex. I live in the tropics, so people in my country usually wear clothes with light fabrics.
- **casual attire** : Informal clothes
- **pair of jeans** : hard-wearing trousers made of denim or other cotton fabric, for informal wear
- **short pants** :
- **shirt** :
- **blouse** :
- **presentable** : being in condition to be seen or inspected especially by the critical
- **untidy clothes** :
- **eccentric clothes** : deviating from an established or usual pattern or style
- **tearing jeans** :
- **formal clothes** :
- **smart casual** :



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- **business/formal attire :**
 - **high-heeled shoes :**
 - **accessories :**
 - **footwear :**
 - **to match :**
 - **plain :**
 - **boring :**
 - **dress extravagant :**
 - **apparel :**
 - **fashion houses :** a company that sells (usually expensive) new styles in clothes
 - **fashion shows:** an event where models show off the latest in fashion designs
 - **fashion icon:** a person who is famous for their sense of fashion
 - **on the catwalk :** the stage that models walk along to show off the latest fashions

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