

21. Clothing and Fashion

Clothes are very important for people. They protect people against cold, frost or rain.

The clothes what people wear tell us about their age, origin, religion, interests and financial situation. Sometimes it is difficult to say what is still trendy or what is already out.

- In previous centuries women's and men's clothes were totally different and you could recognize them from a distance. Women wore long skirts, long – sleeved dresses, long hair... and men wore trousers, shirts and jackets.
- The revolution in clothing began in the second half of the 19th century.
- Today there are not many differences between women's and men's clothes.
- Clothing is connected with weather. In summer we wear light materials such as cotton or silk. (hodváb) and in winter we wear warmer materials such as wool or nylon.

Nowdays, women usually wear trousers, jeans, t – shirts, jackets, blouses, jumpers, skirts, summer dresses, shorts, shoes, boots, handbags, scarfs, hats + various jewelries = earrings, rings, arm bracelets... (silver or gold), cocktail dresses, long – evening dresses, high – heeled shoes, pyjamas, slippers, bras, swimming – suits...

Men usually wear clothes which are more simple and more conservative, for example trousers, shirts, anorak, tie jacket, hats, jeans, T – shirts, shoes, socks, belt.

- Dressmaking has become a big business these days. Fashion designers are world famous, very rich (for example Calvin Klein, Karl Lagerfeld, Vivien Westwood, Kenzo, Donatella Versace, Dolce and Gabbana...)

Questions:

1. What clothes are you wearing now?
2. What are the most favourite clothes among the young?
3. How is clothing connected with weather?