

# Fashion

Everyone has a unique sense of clothing style regardless of whether they pay attention to fashion or not. The clothing we wear can say a lot about us as individuals. It could show our interests, cultural background, or even our professionalism. Because of this, fashion can be a great topic of conversation!

In the following table, we'll introduce you to a number of phrases and questions that you can use to discuss fashion with others. By using them you'll be able to take part in conversations about clothing and be able to compliment somebody's sense of style. Let's get started!

Talking about Fashion

Answers to the Most Common Questions

## Essential Phrases

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| What's in style nowadays?                              |
| Fashion and trends change so fast.                     |
| Wearing pants like these just came back in style.      |
| She's always trying to keep up with what's in fashion. |
| He definitely takes pride in his appearance.           |
| Where do you get all your clothes?                     |
| I buy most of my clothes at second-hand shops.         |
| Do you ever shop for designer clothes?                 |
| What kind of style do you have?                        |
| I like to dress more casually.                         |
| I don't really care about fashion.                     |
| Accessories are a must-have.                           |
| Second-hand fashion is more sustainable.               |
| You have a great sense of style.                       |
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Your clothes are so trendy.

She has a great eye for fashion.

I wouldn't be caught dead in that shirt.

They're certainly dressed to kill.

He's definitely dressed to impress.

She's dressed to the nines tonight.

### I buy most of my clothes at second-hand shops

Another way to say this sentence is **I buy most of my clothes at thrift stores**. Thrift stores, or second-hand shops, are quite common in the United States. These are stores that sell items that previously belonged to somebody else. Most people go to these stores to buy clothing, as it's quite inexpensive there. You can also usually find really interesting clothing in second-hand shops that could improve or compliment your style. A possible response to our example sentence is **You can always find cool clothes at second-hand shops**.

### I like to dress more casually

One way to describe the kinds of clothes that you like to wear is the sentence pattern **I like to dress + DESCRIPTION**. With this sentence pattern, you would describe the overall type of clothing you like to wear, for example, casual clothing, comfy clothing, or sportswear, etc. In response to our example sentence, somebody might say something like **Yeah, casual clothes are so much more comfortable**.

### Your clothes are so trendy

Do you like the way somebody's dressed? Then you can compliment their outfit by forming sentences with the pattern **Your clothes are + DESCRIPTION**. Complimenting someone's outfit is a great way to make them feel good. You could even start a conversation about fashion this way. For example, someone might respond to you with **Thanks, I bought them at the thrift store yesterday**. You two could then start talking about second-hand fashion or where the best thrift stores are.

### She has a great eye for fashion

To have an eye for something is an idiomatic way of saying that someone is good at noticing something. So, if you were to describe someone as having a great eye for fashion, then it would mean they're really good at noticing fashion trends. You might describe someone using this expression if they are dressed in the latest fashion style.

### I wouldn't be caught dead in that shirt

This is an idiomatic way to say that you would never wear something, in this case a shirt that someone is maybe pointing out to you. Another way to say this is [I wouldn't be seen dead in that shirt](#). This isn't a very nice way to describe clothes, so be careful when you use these expressions! Someone might respond to our example sentence with [What's wrong with my shirt?](#).

### They're certainly dressed to kill

To be dressed to kill is an idiomatic way to describe somebody who is very well dressed. You usually use this expression when describing somebody wearing formal clothing. It could, however, be used to describe anyone you think is dressed nicely.

### He's definitely dressed to impress

This is an idiomatic expression that can be used to describe someone dressed very nicely. You can use it in most contexts, for example in formal settings or in everyday situations where somebody would want to dress up more.

### She's dressed to the nines tonight

This idiomatic expression describes someone who is dressed perfectly. Maybe they are wearing very fashionable clothes or very nice formal clothing. This is an expression that you'd most likely use while in a formal situation.

## Answers to the Most Common Questions

What are the most essential English phrases for talking about fashion?

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What are some useful English idioms used to talk about fashion?

Here are a couple common English idioms used when talking about fashion:

They're certainly dressed to kill.

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She's dressed to the nines tonight.

The three idioms above are used to describe someone who is dressed up very nicely. You'd most likely use them to describe someone wearing formal clothing like a suit or dress.

I wouldn't be caught dead in that shirt.

You would use this last idiom whenever you want to say that you would never wear something. In the case of the example above it means: **I would never wear that shirt..**



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