

Talking About Fashion and Style



Which words can you use when talking about fashion and style? Find out more in this lesson.

Fashion or style?

Both **fashion** and **style** are words used to talk about things that are popular at a certain point in time. They can refer to clothing, as well as other trends, like music or activities. If something is in fashion or in style, it is currently popular.

Those platform shoes are really in fashion.

I think long dresses are in style these days.

If something is no longer popular, you can say it has:

- Gone out of style.
- Gone out of fashion.

We also use the word **style** to talk about a person's individual taste in clothing.

I like his style. He always wears nice ties.

We can also use **style** as a verb.

Did you see the way her hair was styled for the party?



Formal or casual?

A **dress code** is a set of rules or guidelines for what you can wear in a certain situation.

Formal wear is a type of attire worn to special events like weddings, dinners and work events. Examples of formal wear include: suits, tuxedos, evening dresses or gowns, heels and dress shoes.

We had to dress in formal wear when we went to dinner with the president.

Formal wear can sometimes be known as **black tie**.

Casual wear is what you wear outside of work or on the weekend, when you are relaxing.

Some examples include jeans, shorts, with sandals, sneakers or thongs (flip-flops).

My friend's birthday party was at the beach so we turned up in casual wear.

When it comes to fashion, **design** means to make or draw a plan or pattern.

We can use **design** in two ways.

- As a noun:

A lot of bloggers are starting to wear Australian **designs**.

- As a verb:

My best friend wants to **design** a bag for me.

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