

clothes

[kləʊ(ð)z] *n употр. с гл. во мн. ч.*

1. одежда, платье
 Sunday clothes - праздничное платье
 workday clothes - будничное /рабочее/ платье
 suit of clothes - мужской костюм
 long clothes - длинное платье для грудных детей, закрывающее ноги
 in long clothes - в младенчестве
 plain clothes - штатское платье
 store clothes - *амер.* готовое платье
2. 1) (постельное) бельё
 2) пелёнки
3. грязное бельё (*для стирки*); чистое бельё (*полученное после стирки*)

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clothes *BrE* [kləʊðz] ^{pl} *NAmE* [klaʊðz] ^{pl} *BrE* [kləʊz] ^{pl} *NAmE* [klaʊz] ^{pl}
 noun plural



the things that you wear, such as trousers/pants, dresses and jackets

- I bought some new clothes for the trip.
 - to **put on/take off your clothes**
 - Bring **a change of clothes** with you.
 - She has no **clothes sense** (= she does not know what clothes look attractive) .
- see** the emperor has no clothes **at** ↑ **emperor**

Word Origin:

Old English clāthas, plural of clāth, related to Dutch **kleed** and German **Kleid**, of unknown ultimate origin.

Culture:

formal and informal dress

In general, people in Britain and the US dress fairly **informally** . Many wear **casual clothes** most of the time, not just when they are at home or on holiday. Men and women wear ↑ **jeans** or **cord**s (= corduroy trousers) with a shirt or **T-shirt** and a **sweater** to go shopping, meet friends, go to a pub or bar, or take their children out. Older people are more likely to dress more smartly, with women wearing a dress or skirt and blouse, and men a shirt, jacket and trousers, when they go out. In summer younger people may wear **shorts** (= short trousers/pants), but some people think they are only appropriate on the beach. Most people **dress up** (= put on smart clothes) to go to a party or club. Some restaurants will not let in people who are wearing jeans. Most people do not now dress up to go to the theatre. Young people are most interested in following ↑ **fashion** and regularly buy new clothes.

Men wear **lounge suits**, and women wear suits or dresses, for formal occasions like funerals or **interviews** for jobs. Some wear suits or smart clothes every day because their employer expects it or because they think it makes them look more professional. In London many people who work in the **City** wear **pinstripe suits** made of dark cloth with narrow grey vertical lines. Most people prefer casual, comfortable clothes for work but some companies do not like people wearing jeans. Employees in banks and shops often have uniforms.

For formal occasions during the day, such as a wedding, men may wear **morning dress**. This includes a jacket with long 'tails' at the back, dark grey trousers and a grey **top hat**. Women wear a smart dress and often a hat. For very formal events in the evening men may wear **evening dress**, also called **white tie**, which consists of a black **tailcoat**, black trousers, a white waistcoat, white shirt and white **bow tie**. Women usually wear a long evening dress or **ball gown**. Usually for formal evening events men wear **black tie/tuxedo**, consisting of a black **dinner jacket**, black trousers and a black **bow tie**.

Thesaurus:

clothes [**clothes formal and informal dress**] noun pl.

- I bought some new clothes for my trip.
- clothing** • • **dress** • • **wear** • • **costume** • • **wardrobe** • |AmE **apparel** • |informal **gear** • |formal **garment** •
- casual clothes/clothing/dress/wear/apparel/gear**
- summer/winter clothes/clothing/wear/wardrobe/apparel**
- designer/sports clothes/clothing/wear/apparel/gear**

Clothes or clothing? **Clothing** is more formal than **clothes**. You can use it to talk about one thing that you wear, such as a dress or a shirt
 • a/an piece/item/article of clothing

Collocations:

Clothes and fashion

Clothes

be wearing a new outfit/bright colours/fancy dress/fur/uniform
be (dressed) in black/red/jeans and a T-shirt/your best suit/leather/silk/rags (= very old torn clothes)
be dressed for work/school/dinner/a special occasion
be dressed as a man/woman/clown/pirate
wear /dress in casual/designer/second-hand clothes
wear jewellery/(*especially US*) jewelry/accessories/a watch/glasses/contact lenses/perfume
have a cowboy hat/red dress/blue suit **on**
put on/take off your clothes/coat/shoes/helmet
pull on/pull off your coat/gloves/socks
change into/get changed into a pair of jeans/your pyjamas/(*especially US*) your pajamas

Appearance

change/enhance/improve your appearance
create/get/have/give sth a new/contemporary/retro look
brush/comb/shampoo/wash/blow-dry your hair
have/get a haircut/your hair cut/a new hairstyle
have/get a piercing/your nose pierced
have/get a tattoo/a tattoo done (on your arm)/a tattoo removed
have/get a makeover/cosmetic surgery
use/wear/apply/put on make-up/cosmetics

Fashion

follow/keep up with (the) fashion/the latest fashions
spend/waste money on designer clothes
be fashionably/stylishly/well **dressed**
have good/great/terrible/awful **taste** in clothes
update/revamp your wardrobe
be in/come into/go out of fashion
be (back/very much) in vogue
create a style/trend/vogue for sth
organize /put on a fashion show
show/unveil a designer's spring/summer collection
sashay/strut down the catwalk/(*NAmE also*) runway
be on/do a photo/fashion shoot

Synonyms:

clothes

clothing • garment • dress • wear • gear

These are all words for the things that you wear, such as shirts, jackets, dresses and trousers.

clothes • [pl.] the things that you wear, such as shirts, jackets, dresses and trousers.

clothing • [U] (*rather formal*) clothes, especially a particular type of clothes: ▪ warm clothing

clothes or clothing?

Clothing is more formal than **clothes** and is used especially to mean 'a particular type of clothes'. There is no singular form of **clothes** or **clothing**: a *piece/an item/an article of clothing* is used to talk about one thing that you wear such as a dress or shirt.

garment • (*formal*) a piece of clothing: ▪ He was wearing a strange shapeless garment.

Garment should only be used in formal or literary contexts; in everyday contexts use *a piece of clothing*.

dress • [U] clothes, especially when worn in a particular style or for a particular occasion: ▪ We were allowed to wear casual dress on Fridays.

wear • [U] (usually in compounds) clothes for a particular purpose or occasion, especially when it is being sold in shops/stores: ▪ the children's wear department

gear • [U] (*informal*) clothes: ▪ Her friends were all wearing the latest gear ▪ (= fashionable clothes) ▪.

casual clothes/clothing/dress/wear/gear

evening/formal clothes/dress/wear

designer/sports clothes/clothing/garments/wear/gear

children's/men's/women's clothes/clothing/garments/wear

to **have on/be in/wear** ...clothes/garments/dress/gear

Example Bank:

- He wore his best clothes to the interview.
- I'm going to take a set of clean clothes with me.
- She didn't recognize him in his everyday clothes.
- a new suit of clothes for the baby
- an officer in plain clothes
- I quickly threw on some clothes and ran downstairs.

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clothes **S2 W2** /kləʊðz, kləʊz \$ klouðz, klouz/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [plural]

[*Word Family*: *noun*: ↑clothes, ↑clothing; *verb*: ↑clothe; *adjective*: clothed ≠ ↑unclothed]

[*Language*: Old English; *Origin*: clathas, plural of clath; ⇒ ↑cloth]

the things that people wear to cover their body or keep warm:

What sort of clothes was he wearing?

I showered and put on clean clothes.

He was still in his work clothes.

a clothes shop ⇒ a **change of clothes** at ↑change²(6), ⇒ ↑plain-clothes

GRAMMAR

Clothes is a plural noun and has no singular form:

- He needed some new clothes (NOT a new clothe/clothes).

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **wear clothes** She always wears beautiful clothes.
- **be dressed in ... clothes** The man was dressed in ordinary clothes.
- **put your clothes on** I told him to get up and put some clothes on.
- **take off/remove your clothes** She took off her clothes and slipped into bed.
- **change your clothes** I usually change my clothes as soon as I get home from work.

■ phrases

- **a change of clothes** He only took a small bag with a change of clothes.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + clothes

- **warm clothes** If you're walking in the mountains, take plenty of warm clothes.
- **casual clothes** Most people feel more comfortable in casual clothes.
- **evening clothes** I don't often have a chance to wear formal evening clothes.
- **designer clothes** (=made by a well-known designer) She spends hundreds of pounds on designer clothes.
- **sb's best clothes** They wore their best clothes for the photograph.
- **formal clothes** It's best to wear formal clothes for an interview.
- **school/work clothes** Work clothes tend to be black, blue, or grey.
- **sports clothes** Lou was wearing sports clothes and sunglasses.
- **ordinary/everyday clothes** Everyone else was wearing ordinary clothes.
- **civilian clothes** (=ordinary clothes rather than a military uniform) a US army lieutenant in civilian clothes
- **baby clothes** a shop for baby clothes
- **maternity clothes** (=for women who are having a baby)
- **winter/summer clothes** The shops are already full of winter clothes.
- **plain clothes** (=ordinary clothes that the police wear in order not to be recognized) He was arrested by officers in plain clothes.
- **clean clothes** I had no clean clothes.
- **dry clothes** You'd better change into dry clothes or you'll get cold.
- **fashionable/trendy clothes** The club was full of beautiful people wearing trendy clothes.
- **elegant** Italian people are often admired for their elegant clothes.
- **old-fashioned** I decided to throw out all my old-fashioned clothes.
- **smart** *British English* Do you have to wear smart clothes to work?
- **scruffy** (=dirty and untidy) She was poor and dressed in scruffy clothes.
- **second-hand clothes** (=not new) Charity shops sell second-hand clothes at low prices.
- **dowdy** (=unfashionable and unattractive) Dowdy clothes make you have less confidence in yourself.

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THESAURUS

- **clothes** *noun* [plural] things you wear to cover your body or keep you warm. **Clothes** is always plural: I like your clothes! | Don't throw your dirty clothes on the floor! | a clothes shop
- **clothing** *noun* [uncountable] used when talking in general about a type of clothes, or about making or selling clothes. Also used in the phrase **a piece/item/article of clothing** (=one of the things that someone wears): You'll need to take some warm clothing. | It is important to wear protective clothing at all times. | a clothing manufacturer | a clothing retailer | Police found a piece of clothing in the bushes. | I took a change of clothing with me.
- **garment** *noun* [countable] *formal* one thing that you wear. Also used when talking about buying and selling clothes: a long velvetgarment | the garment industry | garment workers | garment factories
- **dress** *noun* [uncountable] a particular style of clothes. Don't use **dress** on its own: Casual dress is not appropriate for an interview. | men in evening dress
- **wear** *noun* [uncountable] used about types of clothes sold in a shop, in the following phrases. Don't use **wear** on its own: children's wear | sports wear | casual wear
- **gear** *noun* [uncountable] /gɪə \$ ɡɪr/ *informal* clothes for a particular sport or activity: She was wearing her running gear. | Have you got all your gear?
- **wardrobe** *noun* [singular] all the clothes that you own, or all the clothes that you wear at a particular time of year: Her wardrobe consisted mainly of smart clothes for work. | I will need a new summer wardrobe. | You could win a complete new wardrobe!

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