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Business suits and ties worn less and less

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THE ARTICLE

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More and more companies around the world are telling staff they do not need to wear a suit and tie. In the last century, most business people and office workers had to wear business clothes. In today's world, that is becoming less important. Companies now want their workers to dress in a more casual way. This is to make staff feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to relax its dress code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It said its staff could choose not to wear a suit, but asked employees to "exercise good judgment" in deciding how to dress for work. It said the shift was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally in favor of a more casual environment."

Many people in business think more casual dress is not a good thing. Justin Urquhart Stewart, founder of the investment company 7IM, said not wearing a suit and tie could give a bad impression to clients and customers. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should behave and dress respectfully. I would not expect to hand over my pension to someone in jeans, loafers and a football shirt. It may be old-fashioned but I think it would be dangerous for a business to do that." He added: "If you let people dress sloppily, that is how your brand will be perceived." Many companies, like Google and Amazon, allow their staff to dress casually and wear jeans and T-shirts to the office.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-47466819>
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-world-work-goldman-sachs/suits-and-ties-now-optional-goldman-sachs-hedges-dress-code>
<https://fox8.com/2019/03/07/goldman-sachs-other-companies-loosening-traditional-dress-code/>

WARM-UPS

1. BUSINESS SUITS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about business suits. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

companies / suit / tie / century / business / casual / dress code / investment / nature a good thing / a bad impression / money / pension / old-fashioned / sloppy / T-shirts

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SUITS ARE BEST: Students A **strongly** believe suits are best in the workplace; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DRESS: What should these workers wear and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Bankers		
Teachers		
Presidents		
Doctors		
Pilots		
Shop assistants		

5. CASUAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "casual". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CLOTHES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best clothes at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- suit
- socks
- cap
- T-shirt
- jeans
- shirt
- gloves
- short pants

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. century | a. A set of rules or conventions governing behavior or activity. |
| 2. dress | b. Clothing worn for formal, business or ceremonial reasons. |
| 3. casual | c. All the people working in a company or organization. |
| 4. staff | d. A period of one hundred years. |
| 5. relax | e. The ability to make well-thought decisions or come to sensible conclusions. |
| 6. code | f. Suitable for everyday, comfortable wear rather than formal occasions. |
| 7. judgment | g. Make a rule or restriction less strict, while not ending it. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. founder | h. Act or do things in a particular way in front of other people. |
| 9. impression | i. A person or organization who uses the services of a lawyer or other professional person or company. |
| 10. client | j. Thought of someone or something in a particular way. |
| 11. behave | k. A person who starts a business or organization. |
| 12. sloppily | l. An image or idea people have of something or someone. |
| 13. perceived | m. Let happen. |
| 14. allow | n. Carelessly and without effort. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. In the last century, fewer people wore suits and ties. **T / F**
- b. Companies today want workers to dress in a more casual way. **T / F**
- c. A tech company is the latest to relax its dress code. **T / F**
- d. An investment bank asked its workers to do more exercise. **T / F**
- e. Many business people think casual dress is not a good thing. **T / F**
- f. A boss said workers who look after people's money should wear a suit. **T / F**
- g. The boss said a brand might suffer if workers dressed sloppily. **T / F**
- h. Amazon does not let its workers wear jeans to work. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. telling | a. loosen |
| 2. workers | b. seen |
| 3. casual | c. creator |
| 4. relax | d. informal |
| 5. due to | e. give |
| 6. founder | f. informing |
| 7. impression | g. out of date |
| 8. hand over | h. because of |
| 9. old-fashioned | i. employees |
| 10. perceived | j. image |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. More and more companies | a. respectfully |
| 2. This is to make staff feel more | b. a more casual environment |
| 3. relax its dress | c. investment company 7IM |
| 4. exercise good | d. be perceived |
| 5. generally in favor of | e. code |
| 6. founder of the | f. impression to clients |
| 7. give a bad | g. around the world |
| 8. behave and dress | h. business to do that |
| 9. it would be dangerous for a | i. judgment |
| 10. how your brand will | j. relaxed |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

More and more companies around the world are telling (1) _____ they do not need to wear a suit and tie. In the (2) _____ century, most business people and office workers had to wear business clothes. In today's world, that is becoming (3) _____ important. Companies now want their workers to dress in a more casual (4) _____. This is to make staff feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to (5) _____ its dress code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It said its staff could choose not to wear a suit, but asked employees to "exercise (6) _____ judgment" in deciding how to dress for work. It said the shift was (7) _____ to "the changing nature of workplaces generally in (8) _____ of a more casual environment."

last
good
way
favor
less
due
staff
relax

Many people in business think more casual (9) _____ is not a good thing. Justin Urquhart Stewart, founder of the investment company 7IM, said not wearing a (10) _____ and tie could give a bad impression to (11) _____ and customers. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should (12) _____ and dress respectfully. I would not expect to hand over my pension to someone in jeans, loafers and a football shirt. It may be old-(13) _____ but I think it would be dangerous for a business to do that." He added: "If you let people dress (14) _____, that is how your brand will be (15) _____." Many companies, like Google and Amazon, allow their staff to dress (16) _____ and wear jeans and T-shirts to the office.

clients
dress
casually
fashioned
suit
perceived
behave
sloppily

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

- 1) more companies around the world are telling staff they do not need to wear a _____
 - a. suit and tier
 - b. suit and tied
 - c. suit and tie
 - d. suit and tide
- 2) Companies now want their workers to dress in a more _____
 - a. casual weigh
 - b. casual whey
 - c. casual weight
 - d. casual way
- 3) The latest international company to relax its dress code is the _____
 - a. invest mint bank
 - b. investment bank
 - c. invest meant bank
 - d. in vest meant bank
- 4) asked employees to "exercise good judgment" in deciding how to _____
 - a. dresses for works
 - b. dress for worked
 - c. dress for work
 - d. dresses for work
- 5) the changing nature of workplaces generally in favor of a more _____
 - a. casual environment
 - b. casually environments
 - c. casuals environment
 - d. casual environments
- 6) Many people in business think more casual dress is not a _____
 - a. good think
 - b. good thing
 - c. good things
 - d. good thinks
- 7) not wearing a suit and tie could give a bad impression _____
 - a. two client
 - b. to clients
 - c. too clients
 - d. to client
- 8) You're looking after people's money, so you should behave and _____
 - a. dress respect fully
 - b. dress respects fully
 - c. dress respectfully
 - d. dress respected fully
- 9) It may be old-fashioned but I think it would be dangerous for a business _____
 - a. to do hat
 - b. to do than
 - c. to do what
 - d. to do that
- 10) If you let people dress sloppily, that is how your brand will _____
 - a. be perceive
 - b. be perceived
 - c. be perception
 - d. be perceives

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

More and more companies around the world (1) _____ they do not need to wear a suit and tie. In (2) _____, most business people and office workers had to wear business clothes. In today's world, that is becoming less important. Companies now want their workers to dress in a (3) _____. This is to make staff feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to relax its (4) _____ the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It said its staff could choose not to wear a suit, but asked employees to "exercise good judgment" (5) _____ to dress for work. It said the shift was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally (6) _____ a more casual environment."

Many people (7) _____ more casual dress is not a good thing. Justin Urquhart Stewart, founder of the investment company 7IM, said not wearing a suit and tie could (8) _____ impression to clients and customers. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should behave and dress respectfully. I would not (9) _____ over my pension to someone in jeans, loafers and a football shirt. It may be old-fashioned but I think it would be dangerous (10) _____ to do that." He added: "If you let people dress sloppily, that is how your brand (11) _____." Many companies, like Google and Amazon, allow their staff to dress casually (12) _____ and T-shirts to the office.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

1. Who had to wear business clothes in the last century?
2. In what way to today's companies want workers to dress?
3. What kind of company is the latest to relax its dress code?
4. What did a company ask its workers to exercise?
5. What is the changing nature of workplaces in favor of?
6. What is the name of the company Justin Urquhart Stewart founded?
7. What impression could people not wearing suits give a company?
8. What would a company founder not hand over to someone in jeans?
9. What might be perceived badly if workers dress sloppily?
10. What two companies did the article say let workers wear T-shirts?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

- 1) Who had to wear business clothes in the last century?
 - a) teachers
 - b) business people and office workers
 - c) CEOs
 - d) bankers
- 2) In what way to today's companies want workers to dress?
 - a) to match their mood
 - b) uniformly
 - c) well
 - d) more casually
- 3) What kind of company is the latest to relax its dress code?
 - a) a burger chain
 - b) a tech company
 - c) an investment bank
 - d) a coffee shop chain
- 4) What did a company ask its workers to exercise?
 - a) good judgment
 - b) their muscles
 - c) their brains
 - d) their taste in fashion
- 5) What is the changing nature of workplaces in favor of?
 - a) more pay
 - b) a more casual environment
 - c) workers' rights
 - d) suits
- 6) What is the name of the company Justin Urquhart Stewart founded?
 - a) 7IM
 - b) 8IM
 - c) 9IM
 - d) 10IM
- 7) What impression could people not wearing suits give a company?
 - a) a fantastic impression
 - b) a good impression
 - c) a bad impression
 - d) a funny impression
- 8) What would a company founder not hand over to someone in jeans?
 - a) his pension
 - b) his wallet
 - c) his money
 - d) his future
- 9) What might be perceived badly if workers dress sloppily?
 - a) products
 - b) people
 - c) wages
 - d) a brand
- 10) What two companies did the article say let workers wear T-shirts?
 - a) McDonald's and Starbucks
 - b) Facebook and Toyota
 - c) Google and Amazon
 - d) Walmart and Apple

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

Role A – Suits

You think suits are the best clothes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their clothes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): T-shirts, jeans or socks.

Role B – T-Shirts

You think T-shirts are the best clothes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their clothes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): suits, jeans or socks.

Role C – Jeans

You think jeans are the best clothes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their clothes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): T-shirts, suits or socks.

Role D – Socks

You think socks are the best clothes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their clothes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): T-shirts, jeans or suits.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'suit' and 'tie'.

suit	tie

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• around• last• less• relax• choose• favor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good• bad• money• hand• business• allow
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BUSINESS SUITS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about business suits in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BUSINESS SUITS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'suit'?
3. What do you think of business suits?
4. Should business people have to wear business suits?
5. How do you feel when you wear a suit?
6. Should a country's leader wear a suit?
7. Do people in business suits look better?
8. How uncomfortable is a business suit and tie?
9. Would you work harder in casual clothes?
10. Should companies also tell workers to stop wearing uniforms?

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BUSINESS SUITS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'tie'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should office workers have to wear suits and ties?
15. Should business men and women have to wear a suit and tie?
16. Should teachers wear casual or formal clothes?
17. Would a bank manager in a T-shirt give a bad impression?
18. Would you like your teacher to wear a T-shirt?
19. Is it good or bad to dress sloppily?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of Goldman Sachs?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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More and (1) _____ companies around the world are telling staff they do not need to wear a suit and tie. In the (2) _____ century, most business people and office workers had to wear business clothes. In today's world, (3) _____ is becoming less important. Companies now want their workers to dress in a more casual way. This is to make staff feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to (4) _____ its dress code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It said its staff could (5) _____ not to wear a suit, but asked employees to "exercise good judgment" in deciding how to dress for work. It said the shift was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally (6) _____ favor of a more casual environment."

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) more | (b) many | (c) much | (d) most |
| 2. | (a) before | (b) ago | (c) past | (d) gone |
| 3. | (a) what | (b) then | (c) that | (d) there |
| 4. | (a) easy | (b) weak | (c) calm | (d) relax |
| 5. | (a) choice | (b) chose | (c) choose | (d) chosen |
| 6. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) dressed | (b) dress | (c) dresses | (d) dresser |
| 8. | (a) impress | (b) impression | (c) impressive | (d) impressed |
| 9. | (a) back | (b) head | (c) hand | (d) arm |
| 10. | (a) not | (b) back | (c) new | (d) old |
| 11. | (a) slippery | (b) slipping | (c) slapping | (d) sloppily |
| 12. | (a) suit | (b) dress | (c) leave | (d) allow |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. telling ftafs they do not need to
2. In the last ecrutyn
3. The stalet international company
4. exercise good ejntumdg
5. the changing nterau of workplaces
6. a more alcasu environment

Paragraph 2

7. nofdreu of the investment company
8. give a bad npisemsroi
9. entsilc and customers
10. behave and dress yeuctpsrflel
11. It may be old-finhaeods
12. people dress oiplslpy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to hand over my pension to someone in jeans, loafers and a football shirt. It may be old-
- () clothes. In today's world, that is becoming less important. Companies now want their workers to dress in a more casual
- () and tie. In the last century, most business people and office workers had to wear business
- () fashioned but I think it would be dangerous for a business to do that." He added: "If you let people dress
- () choose not to wear a suit, but asked employees to "exercise good judgment" in deciding how to dress for
- (**1**) More and more companies around the world are telling staff they do not need to wear a suit
- () work. It said the shift was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally in favor of a more casual environment."
- () way. This is to make staff feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to
- () customers. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should behave and dress respectfully. I would not expect
- () of the investment company 7IM, said not wearing a suit and tie could give a bad impression to clients and
- () Amazon, allow their staff to dress casually and wear jeans and T-shirts to the office.
- () relax its dress code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It said its staff could
- () Many people in business think more casual dress is not a good thing. Justin Urquhart Stewart, founder
- () sloppily, that is how your brand will be perceived." Many companies, like Google and

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

1. companies around world staff . More are telling the
2. becoming important . In less today's that is world,
3. The to its dress latest company relax code .
4. due shift nature . was The to the changing
5. favor In casual environment . a more of
6. to impression Give a bad and clients customers .
7. over jeans . pension in someone Hand my to
8. a do Be to dangerous for business that .
9. perceived . be brand how is will your That
10. staff their casually . dress Allow more to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit.html>

More and more companies *around / about* the world are telling staff they do not need to wear a suit and tie. In the last *centurion / century*, most business people and office workers *had / have* to wear business clothes. In today's world, that is becoming less *importance / important*. Companies now want their workers to dress in a more *casually / casual* way. This is to make staff *feel / felt* more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to *slow / relax* its dress code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It said its staff could *choice / choose* not to wear a suit, but asked employees to "exercise good judgment" in deciding *how / what* to dress for work. It said the shift was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally *in / per* favor of a more casual environment."

Many people *on / in* business think more casual dress is not a good thing. Justin Urquhart Stewart, *founder / finder* of the investment company 7IM, said not wearing a suit and tie could give a bad *impressive / impression* to clients and customers. He said: "You're looking *before / after* people's money, so you should behave and dress *respectfully / respect*. I would not expect to hand *over / under* my pension to someone in jeans, loafers and a football shirt. It may be old-fashioned but I think it would *being / be* dangerous for a business to do that." He added: "If you let people dress sloppily, that is how your *brand / bland* will be perceived." Many companies, like Google and Amazon, allow their staff to *dress / dressing* casually and wear jeans and T-shirts to *that / the* office.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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M_r_ _n d m_r_ c_m p_n__ s _r__ n d th_ w_r l d _r_ t_l l_n g s t_f f th_y d_ n_t n__ d t_ w__ r _ s__ t _n d t__ . I n th_ l_s t c_n t_r y , m_s t b_s_n_s s p__ p_l_ _n d _f f_c_ w_r k_r s h_d t_ w__ r b_s_n_s s c_l_t_h_s . I n t_d_y 's w_r l d , th_t _s b_c_m_n g l_s s _m p_r t_n t . C_m p_n__ s n_w w_n t th__ r w_r k_r s t_ d_r_s s _n _ m_r_ c_s__ l w_y . Th_s _s t_ m_k_ s t_f f f__ l m_r_ r_l_x_d , s_ t_h_y w_r k h_r d_r . Th_ l_t_s t _n t_r n_t__ n_l c_m p_n y t_ r_l_x _t_s d_r_s s c_d__ s th_ _n v_s t m_n t b_n k G_l d m_n S_c_h_s . I t s__ d _t_s s t_f f c__ l d c_h__ s_ n_t t_ w__ r _ s__ t , b_t _s k_d _m p_l_y__ s t_ " _x_r c_s_ g__ d j_d g m_n t " _n d_c_d_n g h_w t_ d_r_s s f_r w_r k . I t s__ d t h_ s_h_f t w_s d__ t_ " th_ c_h_n g_n g n_t_r _f w_r k p_l_c_s g_n_r_l_l y _n f_v_r _f _ m_r_ c_s__ l _n v_r_n m_n t . "

M_n y p__ p_l_ _n b_s_n_s s th_n k m_r_ c_s__ l d r_s s _s n_t _ g__ d th_n g . J_s t_n U_r q_h_r t S t_w_r t , f__ n_d_r _f th_ _n v_s t m_n t c_m p_n y 7 I M , s__ d n_t w__ r_n g _ s__ t _n d t__ c__ l d g_v_ _ b_d _m p_r_s s__ n t_ c_l__ n_t_s _n d c_s t_m_r_s . H_ s__ d : " Y__ 'r_ l__ k_n g _f t_r p__ p l_'s m_n y , s_ y__ s_h__ l_d b_h_v_ _n d d_r_s s r_s p_c t_f_l_l y . I w__ l d n_t _x_p_c t t_ h_n d _v_r m_y p_n s__ n t_ s_m__ n _n j__ n_s , l__ f_r s _n d _ f__ t_b_l_l s_h_r t . I t m_y b_ _l d - f_s h__ n_d b_t I th_n k _t w__ l d b_ d_n g_r__ s f_r _ b_s_n_s s t_ d_ th_t . " H_ _d d_d : " I f y__ l_t p__ p_l_ d_r_s s s_l_p_p_l_y , th_t _s h_w y__ r b_r_n d w_l l b_ p_r c__ v_d . " M_n y c_m p_n__ s , l_k_ G__ g_l_ _n d A_m_z_n , _l_l_w th__ r s t_f f t_ d_r_s s c_s__ l_l y _n d w__ r j__ n_s _n d T - s_h_r t s t_ th_ _f f_c_ .

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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many people in business think more casual dress is not a good thing Justin Urquhart Stewart founder of the investment company 7im said not wearing a suit and tie could give a bad impression to clients and customers he said you're looking after people's money so you should behave and dress respectfully i would not expect to hand over my pension to someone in jeans loafers and a football shirt it may be old-fashioned but i think it would be dangerous for a business to do that he added if you let people dress sloppily that is how your brand will be perceived many companies like Google and Amazon allow their staff to dress casually and wear jeans and t-shirts to the office.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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More and more companies around the world are telling staff they do not need to wear a suit and tie. In the last century, most business people and office workers had to wear business clothes. In today's world, that is becoming less important. Companies now want their workers to dress in a more casual way. This is to make staff feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to relax its dress code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It said its staff could choose not to wear a suit, but asked employees to "exercise good judgment" in deciding how to dress for work. It said the shift was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally in favor of a more casual environment." Many people in business think more casual dress is not a good thing. Justin Urquhart Stewart, founder of the investment company 7IM, said not wearing a suit and tie could give a bad impression to clients and customers. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should behave and dress respectfully. I would not expect to hand over my pension to someone in jeans, loafers and a football shirt. It may be old-fashioned but I think it would be dangerous for a business to do that." He added: "If you let people dress sloppily, that shows your brand will be perceived." Many companies, like Google and Amazon, allow their staff to dress casually and wear jeans and T-shirts to the office.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BUSINESS SUITS: Make a poster about business suits. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WORKPLACE: Write a magazine article about business suits must be worn in the workplace. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on business suits. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. telling | a. informing |
| 2. workers | b. employees |
| 3. casual | c. informal |
| 4. relax | d. loosen |
| 5. due to | e. because of |
| 6. founder | f. creator |
| 7. impression | g. image |
| 8. hand over | h. give |
| 9. old-fashioned | i. out of date |
| 10. perceived | j. seen |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Business people and office workers
2. More casually
3. An investment bank
4. Good judgment
5. A more casual environment
6. 7IM
7. A bad impression
8. His pension
9. A brand
10. Google and Amazon

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. More companies around the world are telling staff.
2. In today's world, that is becoming less important.
3. The latest company to relax its dress code.
4. The shift was due to the changing nature.
5. In favor of a more casual environment.
6. Give a bad impression to clients and customers.
7. Hand over my pension to someone in jeans.
8. Be dangerous for a business to do that.
9. That is how your brand will be perceived.
10. Allow their staff to dress more casually.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)