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**Level 0 – 22nd March, 2019**

## **Business suits and ties worn less and less**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit-0.html>

More companies are letting staff dress casually. Staff don't have to wear a suit and tie. Companies want staff to feel relaxed, so they work harder. The bank Goldman Sachs wants its workers to "exercise good judgment" in deciding what to wear. It said workplaces are becoming more casual.

Some people think casual is not good. People might think the company is not serious. One boss said a suit gives a good image. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should...dress [well]." He said it would be dangerous to give money to someone in jeans. Companies like Google let workers wear jeans.

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/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. More companies are letting staff | a. judgment       |
| 2. have to wear a suit              | b. relaxed        |
| 3. Companies want                   | c. more casual    |
| 4. feel                             | d. and tie        |
| 5. they work                        | e. to wear        |
| 6. exercise good                    | f. staff          |
| 7. deciding what                    | g. dress casually |
| 8. workplaces are becoming          | h. harder         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Some people think              | a. well               |
| 2. People might think the company | b. in jeans           |
| 3. a suit gives a good            | c. casual is not good |
| 4. looking after people's         | d. wear jeans         |
| 5. you should dress               | e. image              |
| 6. He said it would be            | f. is not serious     |
| 7. give money to someone          | g. dangerous          |
| 8. let workers                    | h. money              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit-0.html>

More companies (1) \_\_\_\_\_ dress casually. Staff don't have to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and tie. Companies want staff (3) \_\_\_\_\_, so they work harder. The bank Goldman Sachs (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to "exercise good judgment" (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to wear. It said workplaces are (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Some people (7) \_\_\_\_\_ not good. People might think the company (8) \_\_\_\_\_. One boss said a suit (9) \_\_\_\_\_ image. He said: "You're looking after people's money, (10) \_\_\_\_\_...dress [well]."

He said it would (11) \_\_\_\_\_ give money to someone in jeans. Companies like Google (12) \_\_\_\_\_ jeans.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BUSINESS SUITS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit-4.html>

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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

