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Business suits and ties worn less and less

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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More companies are letting staff dress casually. In the past, business people and office workers had to wear a suit and tie. Today, this is less important. Companies want staff to feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to relax its dress code is Goldman Sachs. It wants its workers to "exercise good judgment" in deciding what to wear. It said the change was because workplaces are becoming more casual.

Some people think casual dress is not good. An investment company boss said no suit could give a bad image to clients. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should...dress respectfully. I would not expect to hand over my pension to someone in jeans....I think it would be dangerous." He added that if people dress sloppily, people will think the brand is sloppy. Companies like Google let staff wear jeans.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. companies are letting staff | a. judgment |
| 2. this is less | b. code |
| 3. Companies want staff to | c. more casual |
| 4. they work | d. feel more relaxed |
| 5. relax its dress | e. to wear |
| 6. exercise good | f. dress casually |
| 7. deciding what | g. important |
| 8. workplaces are becoming | h. harder |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. no suit could give a | a. sloppily |
| 2. dress | b. my pension |
| 3. hand over | c. respectfully |
| 4. someone in | d. wear jeans |
| 5. I think it would | e. is sloppy |
| 6. people dress | f. bad image |
| 7. people will think the brand | g. jeans |
| 8. let staff | h. be dangerous |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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More companies are (1) _____ casually. In the past, business people and (2) _____ to wear a suit and tie. Today, this (3) _____. Companies want staff to feel more relaxed, so they work harder. The latest international company to relax (4) _____ is Goldman Sachs. It wants its workers (5) _____ judgment" in deciding what to wear. It said the change was because workplaces are (6) _____.

Some people think (7) _____ not good. An investment company boss said no suit could give (8) _____ to clients. He said: "You're looking after people's money, (9) _____...dress respectfully. I would not expect to hand (10) _____ to someone in jeans....I think it would be dangerous." He added that if (11) _____, people will think the brand is sloppy. 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **business suits** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
