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Vocabulary Matching Cards

<p>Academic Dress Gown</p>	<p>Formal Evening Black Tie Tuxedo (Tux)</p>	<p>Traditional or National Dress</p>
		

<p>Shirt and Tie</p>	<p>Formal Business</p>	<p>Formal Business</p>
		

<p>Swimwear</p>	<p>Outdoor Clothes</p>	<p>Smart Casual</p>	<p>Casual</p>	<p>Old Clothes</p>
				



PREPARATION BEFORE CLASS: Before class, print the paper, cut out each cell and clip together in packs.

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Exercise 1: What do you think the dress-code is?

(There maybe more than 1 possible answer)

1. Your friend has asked you to a party
2. You are going to an interview for a job
3. Your University Graduation
4. A new nightclub in town
5. A wedding
6. A decorating party

Exercise 2: When do you think you should wear the following?

	Dress Code	Situation
1	Academic Dress	
2	Formal Evening	
3	Traditional or National Dress	
4	Shirt and Tie	
5	Formal Business	
6	Swimwear	
7	Outdoor Clothes	
8	Smart Casual	
9	Casual	
10	Old Clothes	

Exercise 3: Inviting People To a Party

Write a party invitation to your friends. Think about what type of party you are going to have and how you would like your friends to come dressed.

Teacher's Notes

The objective in this lesson is to ensure that students have a clear idea of dress codes in English. This is primarily a lesson in lexis, but it is also an opportunity to learn about English culture and for students going to an English speaking country it will help them to adapt to their new environment.

There are some differences between countries, but this lesson should cover the main types of clothing requirements.

Lesson Plan Idea

Possible Warmers:

- Bring in some clothes, especially if you've got clothes they wouldn't normally wear and ask students if they like them. (Maybe even ask them to try them on.)
- Ask students what they like to wear
- Show them some pages from a fashion magazine and ask them what they like best.

Main Lesson:

1. Ask the students to match the cards in pairs or groups. (For younger students you might ask them to find these types of clothes in magazines and cut them out.)
2. Ask the students to do exercise 1 in pairs and then elicit the answers from the class.
3. Ask the students to then follow this up with exercise 2. You might want to put students in groups for this so that they can discuss different ideas. Again feedback as a class.
4. There is a follow up writing exercise, which can either be done as a simple advert for lower levels, a letter at higher levels or a business invitation for business classes.

Vocabulary Background info

Formal Evening – Black Tie is British, Tux and Tuxedo are American. (however they are all widely used in all English speaking countries)

Formal Business – Formal business wear varies from country to country for women. In some companies it is normal for women to wear trouser suits but in more traditional Western companies a skirt-suit is expected. In some Muslim countries a woman maybe expected to cover herself completely and in Malaysia and Indonesia women sometimes wear traditional clothing to work.

Smart Casual - Smart Casual generally means long-sleeved shirt, trousers and formal shoes. In Australia a short-sleeved shirt is acceptable and in some Asian counties this may mean Shirt and tie.

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Suggested Answers

Question	Answer
1. Your friend has asked you to a party	Depends on party, could be: casual, smart casual, Formal evening or swimwear.
2. You are going to an interview for a job	Formal Business
3. Your University Graduation	Academic Dress
4. A new nightclub in town	Depends on Club: But in the UK & US, smart casual. Australia maybe casual.
5. A wedding	Maybe formal evening, smart casual, casual or in some cases outdoor clothing.
6. A decorating party	Old Clothes

	Dress Code	Situations (Examples)
1	Academic Dress	University Formal dinners (At some Universities) and graduations.
2	Formal Evening	Cocktail parties, casinos, formal dinners, movie premieres and some weddings.
3	Traditional or National Dress	Sometimes considered formal business wear or evening wear e.g. in Malaysia it is considered normal to wear Batik clothing and in Scotland a Kilt is often worn to celebrations.
4	Shirt and Tie	Normal day-to-day business wear and in some hot countries you will not be expected to wear a jacket for any type business. Please note that in Malaysia and some other Asian countries smart casual refers to shirt and tie.
5	Formal Business	Interviews and you maybe expected to wear it at work.
6	Swimwear	Beach parties and swimming pool events. Please note that you will be expected to have other clothes available.
7	Outdoor Clothes	Any situation where you are likely to be outside for long periods. (It is expected that you would bring waterproof clothing)
8	Smart Casual	Parties, nightclubs, dinners, theatre and some pubs etc.
9	Casual	Everywhere else...
10	Old Clothes	Where the clothes are likely to get dirty, particularly if you are gardening, decorating or playing some sports and games.