**Buying a suit**

* A suit consists of jacket and a pair of trousers made of the same material
* Off the rack means ready-made suit
* Custom or made to measure (MTM) means it’s made by a tailor to fit your measurements out of different pre-cut pieces
* The most important measurements include:
  + Shoulders
  + Chest
  + Waist
  + Length of the entire jacket
    - Sleeves
    - Trousers
  + Man’s height and weight
* 10 suit buying rules
  + Decide the occasion
    - Special events
    - Everyday office use
  + Set your budget
  + Choose the fabric
    - Tweed or cashmere
    - Wool
    - Blend of wool with synthetic fabric
    - Synthetic fabric (Polyester)
  + Choose the colour
    - Navy
    - Charcoal
    - Gray
  + Choose function over fashion
    - Buttons (two buttons – great classic look)
    - Type of lapel (notched lapel) – the edges that point to the shoulders
  + Get the right fit and cut
    - Smooth across your back and comfortable in the shoulder area
  + Suit jacket sleeves length
    - The sleeve should go to your wrist-bone and show the shirt cuff when your arms are extended out in the front of you
  + Suit jacket’s length
    - The jacket should fall right around the middle of your hand
  + The trousers’ length
    - You can choose trousers of 4 types
      * No break
      * Quarter break
      * Half break
      * Full break
  + Match your shoes
    - The black Balmoral Oxford shoes are the most formal shoe style (closed lacing)
* Most modern suit nowadays

