**CLOTHES FOR WORK**

**SPEAKING**

**Meg**: Hey, Todd. I noticed that you only have two pairs of pants.

**Todd**: Oh no. Really? Yeah, yeah. You got me. I have only two pairs of pants for work. I have my green slacks and my black slacks, and ***that's it***. I don't like to buy clothes and I travel a lot, so I really don't have that many clothes.

**Meg**: Are you not into fashion?

Todd: Yeah. I'm not into fashion. I'm not really interested in clothes or shopping. And I only have clothes for the season. And after the season, I usually throw the clothes away.

**Meg**: Oh really?

**Todd**: Yeah. So to save money, I don't buy a lot of new clothes each year.

**Meg**: Wow. So you only have clothes for the season.

**Todd**: Yes.

**Meg**: Well, what clothes do you usually wear in summer?

**Todd**: Well, summer is great because you don't need a lot. In summer, I just have four or five t-shirts. I usually have some white t-shirt or, you know, a blue t-shirt which has some letters on it or maybe a little bit of English. But usually, my t-shirts are really simple. And then I have some jeans, usually two pairs of blue jeans, and I have shorts for doing sports or running or exercising. I have four or five pairs of shorts. And that's about it.

**Meg**: Well, since you do some exercising, do you also wear sneakers?

**Todd**: I do. I always have two pairs of sneakers. So I have one pair of sneakers for the gym, and then I have one pair of sneakers for just walking around town, and also for running, for jogging. So I have my outdoor ***sneakers*** and my indoor sneakers.

**Meg**: What about flip-flops?

**Todd**: I'm not a ***flip-flop*** guy. I do have a pair of flip-flops for the beach or for going to the store quickly, but I usually prefer to wear my sneakers.

**Meg**: In the summer, it's so hot, I usually like to wear ***tank tops*** but I have to put on sun-block. What about you?

**Todd**: I do have to wear sun-block. I have very ***pale skin***, so sun-block is very important. I should wear it more often, but I do have a hat, so I always wear my baseball hat in summer. So to protect myself from the sun, I just wear my hat all the time, and sometimes, sun-block.

**Meg**: So those are the clothes you wear in summer. What do you wear in winter?

**Todd**: In winter, I'm also pretty basic. Each year, I usually buy a couple of new dress shirts, long-sleeve dress shirts that go with my slacks that you see at work. And that's about it. The only clothes I always keep, I always save are my nice jackets. I have two nice jackets for work, and I wear my, you know, my business jackets to school. And that's about it.

**Meg**: It does get really cold in winter. When you go outside, do you wear anything extra?

**Todd**: No. I don't like scarves and I don't like things like ear muffs and gloves. So I usually just keep my hands in my pockets. But I do have a couple of sweaters. So each year, I like to buy one or two new sweaters. And I do wear those sometimes.

**Meg**: Sweaters are warm. What about when it snows? Don't you wear boots?

**Todd**: No. I don't wear boots. And luckily, it doesn't snow that often where I live, so I don't have boots. But I should buy some, maybe. Sometimes, I buy the really cheap rubber boots or plastic boots that I know I don't have to keep for a long time. But, you know, boots like that are easy to get rid of.

**Meg**: Do you ever wear something like long johns?

**Todd**: You know, when I was little, I wore ***long johns***. I grew up on a farm and it was very cold. But now, not so much. I don't wear long johns. But I do have sweat pants, so I have sweat pants and the sweat shirt for exercising in winter. I usually have two or three sweat suits like that. And sometimes, I wear those to bed.

**Meg**: Hmm, that sounds like a good idea. So summer, winter, what do you wear in fall and spring?

**Todd**: Well, fall and spring is great because in fall and spring, you can wear nice clothes. So usually, if I buy dress shoes, I like to wear those in fall and spring. In winter, sometimes, the dress shoes aren't really good for the snow but I like to wear nice dress shoes in the fall and spring.

And then, sometimes, in the fall and spring, I might wear a tie when I go to work. And of course, I have my slacks and I have my jeans, and I have my, you know, running shoes. So I keep those as well.

**Meg**: As a woman, I often wear skirts. And so, sometimes in the fall and spring, I wear tights underneath the skirts but you don't wear tights, do you?

**Todd**: No, I don't. Although, these days, when you go to the gym, they have special tights now for men that you can wear when you exercise. So there's like the running gear is almost like tights. It looks almost the same.

**Meg**: Wow, that's interesting.

**Todd**: Yeah, kind of strange.

**Meg**: So for any season, do you wear any accessories?

**Todd**: No. I'm not a big accessory person. Like I said, sometimes, I wear a tie, but not often. And of course, I have a belt. I need a belt, but I have one belt, and that's it. But I don't like things like necklaces or, you know, bracelets. I don't really like jewelry. I do wear a watch sometimes but I don't wear a watch everyday because now, you don't need a watch. You can just look at your phone.

**Meg**: That's true. I usually use my phone also.

**VOCABULARY FROM LESSON**

**that's it**

****I have my green slacks and ***that's it***.

The phrase, that's it, has two meanings. One meaning shows something is completed. The other meaning shows that there is no more information to share. Notice the following:

1. For lunch I had an apple. That's it.
2. I have one pair of shoes. That's it.

**sneakers**

****I have my outdoor ***sneakers*** and my indoor sneakers.

Sneakers are sports shoes, or trainers, that people wear for sports or fashion. Notice the following:

1. Air-Jordans are very famous sneakers!
2. I only wear sneakers when playing basketball.

**flip-flop**

****I'm not a ***flip-flop*** guy

Flip-flops are just rubber sandals made especially for the beach or summer-wear. Notice the following:

1. At the gym, you must wear flip-flops in the shower.
2. In summer, all I wear are flip-flops.

**tank-top**

****I usually like to wear ***tank tops***

A tank-top is a t-shirt with no sleeves, showing all of the shoulders and arms. Notice the following:

1. In summer, many people wear tank-tops.
2. People with big muscles like to wear tank-tops.

**pale skin**

****I have very ***pale skin***.

People with pale skin have very light skin, and often burn easily in the sun. Notice the following:

1. My skin gets pale in winter.
2. You need to put sun screen on your pale skin.

**long johns**

****When I was little, I wore ***long johns***.

Long johns are thick body tights men wear in cold weather, somethings as pajamas, Notice the following:

1. My grandfather always wore long johns.
2. Long johns will keep you warm.

**QUESTION**

***1. Do you enjoy buying clothes?***

Yes! I like buying clothes. However, I have never been a slave to fashion. i always take it easy when not having must-have clothes or shoes or something like that. For me, old fashioned ones are ok as long as they suit me.

***2. What kind of clothes do you like to wear?***

For sure, I’m not a fashion icon. My clothes are chosen in accordance with my mother's advices. Sometimes I really want to try oversize clothes, but they didn't match with my mother's ideas.

***3. Are there many clothes shops where you live?***

Actually, not! Since my house is on the outskirts of Hanoi, there's not a various kinds of clothes. Furthermore, I always make use of space time at school to go shopping. a big chain of stores around my school enables me to choose whether vintage clothes or classic ones.

***4. Are clothes and clothing fashions important to you? (Why/Why not?)***

No, clothes and fashions are not really important to me. I tend to wear clothes that are comfortable and practical rather than fashionable.

***5. What different clothes do you wear for different situations?***

Well, I have to dress quite formally for work, so I wear a shirt and trousers. At home I prefer to wear jeans and a T-shirt, and on special occasions I might wear a suit.

***6. Do you wear different styles of clothes now compared to 10 years ago?***

No, not really, because I don't follow fashion. I think I have dressed in a similar way for the last 10 years.

***7. Do you think the clothes we wear say something about who we are?***

Yes, they probably do. Some people are really careful about what they wear because they want to be seen as stylish. Other people wear clothes that show wealth or status, such as clothes by famous designers.

***8. Is it possible to look good without spending lots of money on clothes?***

I'm sure it is ... yes ... I suppose it's about having an eye for what looks good ... knowing how to mix and match different items of clothing that go well together ... I think you can pick up great bargains in charity shops ... sometimes for youngsters even hand-me-downs can look good ...

***9. Describe someone you know who dresses well***

After listening to the question, I come out with the image of my friend… She is always very well dressed and takes a lot of pride in her appearance. it's not that she dresses in very smart clothes ... she doesn't come to school dressed to kill or anything like that ... but what she wears really suits her ... and she has a great sense of style as well ... we often ask her where she gets some of her clothes and most of the time they're just off the peg ... and she says she's not interested in designer labels or anything like that ... she doesn't seem too concerned about keeping up with the latest fashion ... she just wears clothes that are timeless. i always ask her for recommendation for choosing clothes.