



Categorising clothes and accessories vocabulary

Without looking at the lists below, listen to your teacher slowly read out words that are all connected to each other in some way. As soon as you are sure what the connection is, put up your hand or shout out. You only get one chance and must get exactly the category that is written on the handout, even if other categories are possible, so don't guess too soon.

Try to work out or remember the categories of the things below.

- hat, glasses, hair band, hair clip, cap, sunglasses, specs, spectacles, shades
- sunglasses, shorts, wide brimmed hat, T-shirt, sandals, flip flops, (straw) boater, handkerchief on your head, bikini, (swimming) trunks, swimming costume, Speedos
- socks, tights, stockings, shorts, trousers, jeans, sandals, flip flops, high heels, stilettos, slip on shoes, boots, trainers, sneakers, slippers
- belt, jacket, shoes, handbag, wallet, purse, watch strap
- handbag, skirt, purse, knickers, tights, stockings, high heels
- wallet, kilt
- bowler hat, kilt, pin striped suit
- jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy boots
- briefcase, suit, jacket, waistcoat, tie, three-piece suit, pin stripe, trouser suit
- scarf, woolly hat, gloves, mittens, vest, balaclava
- mac, wellies, wellington boots, umbrella, Macintosh, cape
- blazer, satchel, uniform, PE kit, cap, straw hat
- flat cap, scarf, waistcoat
- trainers, sports shoes, tennis shoes, tracksuit, sweatband
- nappy, diaper, romper suit, mittens, babygrow
- flares, tie die, flower power, beads

Compare with the suggested answers.

Are there any that you disagree with the classification of?

Can you find any pairs of words that mean the same? Are there any differences in their uses?

Are there any which you could add to these categories?

Can you think of any other ways of subcategorising clothes and accessories?

Test each other on the vocabulary:

- play the same shouting out categories game
- choose a category and help your partner name examples



Suggested answers

- **On your head and face** – hat, glasses, hair band, hair clip, cap, sunglasses, specs, spectacles, shades
- **Summer/ Hot weather** – sunglasses, shorts, wide brimmed hat, T-shirt, sandals, flip flops, (straw) boater, handkerchief on your head, bikini, (swimming) trunks, swimming costume, Speedos
- **On your legs and feet** – socks, tights, stockings, shorts, trousers, jeans, sandals, flip flops, high heels, stilettos, slip on shoes, boots, trainers, sneakers, slippers
- **Made from leather** – belt, jacket, shoes, handbag, wallet, purse, watch strap
- **Mainly women** – handbag, skirt, purse, knickers, tights, stockings, high heels
- **Mainly men** – wallet, kilt
- **Traditionally British** – bowler hat, kilt, pin striped suit
- **Traditionally American** – jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy boots
- **Business wear** – briefcase, suit, jacket, waistcoat, tie, three-piece suit, pin stripe, trouser suit
- **Winter/ Cold weather** – scarf, woolly hat, gloves, mittens, vest, balaclava
- **Rain** – mac, wellies, wellington boots, umbrella, Macintosh, cape
- **School** – blazer, satchel, uniform, PE kit, cap, straw hat
- **Old people** – flat cap, scarf, waistcoat
- **Sport/ Exercise** – trainers, sports shoes, tennis shoes, tracksuit, sweatband
- **Children** – nappy, diaper, romper suit, mittens, babygrow
- **The sixties** – flares, tie die, flower power, beads

Brainstorming stage

Without looking above, write as many related clothes, accessories etc as you can in each category below. Many things not above are also possible.

On your head and face**Summer/ Hot weather****On your legs and feet****Made from leather****Mainly women****Mainly men****Traditionally British**



Traditionally American

Business wear

Winter/ Cold weather

Rain

School

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Sport/ Exercise

Children

The sixties

Compare with the lists above. Many other words are possible, so please check if you wrote something different.