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**Level 2 – 22nd March, 2019**

## **Business suits and ties worn less and less**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit-2.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit-2.html>

More companies around the world are letting staff not wear a suit and tie. In the past, most business people and office workers had to wear business clothes. Today, this is becoming less important. Companies want their workers to dress more casually. Staff will feel more relaxed and work harder. The latest international company to relax its dress code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It asked its workers to "exercise good judgment" in deciding what to wear. It said the change was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally in favor of a more casual environment".

Some business people think more casual dress is not good. The founder of the investment company 7IM said not wearing a suit could give a bad image to clients. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should behave and dress respectfully. I would not expect to hand over my pension to someone in jeans....It may be old-fashioned but I think it would be dangerous for a business to do that." He added: "If you let people dress sloppily, that is how your brand will be perceived." Companies like Google let staff dress casually and wear jeans and T-shirts to the office.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-47466819>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. In                        | a. judgment       |
| 2. this is becoming          | b. to wear        |
| 3. feel more relaxed and     | c. environment    |
| 4. relax its dress           | d. work harder    |
| 5. exercise good             | e. of workplaces  |
| 6. deciding what             | f. code           |
| 7. the changing nature       | g. less important |
| 8. in favor of a more casual | h. the past       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. give a bad              | a. be dangerous     |
| 2. You're looking after    | b. dress casually   |
| 3. hand over my pension to | c. sloppily         |
| 4. I think it would        | d. to the office    |
| 5. If you let people dress | e. image to clients |
| 6. how your brand will     | f. someone in jeans |
| 7. let staff               | g. be perceived     |
| 8. wear jeans and T-shirts | h. people's money   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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More companies (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are letting staff not wear a suit and tie. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, most business people and office workers had to wear business clothes. Today, this is becoming less important. Companies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to dress more casually. Staff will feel more relaxed and work harder. The latest international company to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ code is the investment bank Goldman Sachs. It asked its workers to "exercise good judgment" (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to wear. It said the change was due to "the changing nature of workplaces generally in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ more casual environment".

Some (7) \_\_\_\_\_ more casual dress is not good. The founder of the investment company 7IM said not wearing a suit could give (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to clients. He said: "You're looking after people's money, so you should behave and dress respectfully. I would not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ over my pension to someone in jeans....It may (10) \_\_\_\_\_ but I think it would be dangerous for a business to do that." He added: "If you let people dress sloppily, that is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ will be perceived." Companies like Google let (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and wear jeans and T-shirts to the office.

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190322-business-suit-2.html>

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

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