

FASHION MATTERS

going shopping

negozio di abbigliamento: clothes shop, dress shop

Che taglia hai?: What size do you take?

provare qualcosa: to try something on

ti va bene (come misura): it fits you

ti sta bene (come colore, taglio): it suits you

quel vestito le sta bene: that dress suits her

essere intonato a qualcosa: to match something

tessuti / stoffe: fabrics / materials

cotone: cotton || (di) lana: wool, woollen || seta: silk || pelle, cuoio: leather

fantasie: patterns

a fiori: flowery || a quadri: check(ed) || a righe: striped || fantasia: print || vivace: lively / bright

useful verbs

VESTIRSI: to dress (oneself); (fam.) to get dressed

il bambino non è capace di vestirsi: the child cannot dress himself

va' a vestirti: go and get dressed

VESTIRE: to DRESS

saper vestire: to dress with taste (with great care) (o to know how to dress)

non mi piace il suo modo di vestire: I don't like the way she dresses

veste sempre di nero /di seta: he/she is always dressed in black / in silk

INDOSSARE: to wear, to have (sthg.) on

indossava un soprabito rosso (una gonna lunga, un abito da sera): she was wearing (o she had on) a red coat (a long skirt, an evening dress)

indossa sempre maglioni a collo alto: he always wears a sweater with a high collar (a turtleneck)

mettere indosso: to put (sthg.) on

mettiti il cappotto: put on your coat

svestirsi: to take (one's clothes / something) off / to undress (o.s.): to get undressed

cambiarsi: to change, to get changed

indumenti di ricambio: spare clothes

allacciare (-rsi): to fasten (sthg), to do up /sthg), to tie (sthg) / to button (up)

non ho mai imparato a fare il nodo alla cravatta: I've never learned to do up my tie

allacciarsi le scarpe: to tie one's shoes

allacciarsi la cintura: to buckle (fibbia / anche fasten) one's belt

si allacciò il cappotto e se ne andò: he buttoned up his coat and left

slacciare (rsi): to unfasten / to undo

sbottonare: to unbutton

slacciare la cintura: to unbuckle one's belt

abbigliamento, vestiti, vestiario: clothing (U) / clothes

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What is your favourite item of clothing?

What sort of clothes do you prefer to wear?

indumenti, vestiti: clothes / gear (U) (informal)

Moirà walked upstairs to change her clothes.

He dressed quickly in casual / sporty clothes.

I keep my clothes in this wardrobe

description

vestire bene, male, alla moda: to dress well, badly, / be elegantly, badly... dressed

stylish / smart / casual / casually

classic: classic(al)

elegante: elegant / elegantly / well-dressed

vestito di tutto punto: fully clothed, fully dressed

alla moda: fashionable / fashionably

di buona qualità (it lasts for a long time and looks good even if it is used a lot): hardwearing

fuori moda: old-fashioned

ampio: loose

largo: baggy / loose-fitting

stretto: tight

restringersi: to shrink

attillato: close-fitting / tight-fitting

strappo: tear

scolorito: bleached

intonato : matching

una sciarpa intonata: a matching scarf

impermeabile: waterproof

items of clothing

uniforme: uniform

essere in uniforme: to be in uniform

maglieria: knitwear (U)

giacca di lana, cardigan: cardigan

maglione (pesante): (thick / heavy) sweater / jumper

sportswear

felpa: sweatshirt

indumenti felpati: sweats

tuta sportiva: tracksuit

casuals

maglietta: T-shirt

camicia sportiva / abiti sportive: (a) sports / sporty shirt / clothes

jeans: jeans (pl.), denims (pl.)

She was dressed in blue denims.

canottiera / maglietta che lascia scoperto l'ombelico: navel showing vest / T-shirt

pantaloni a vita bassa: low-waisted trousers

men's wear

camicia: shirt

vestito da uomo: suit

women's wear

gonna (dritta / larga): (straight/full) skirt

minigonna: miniskirt

vestito (da donna): dress

abito da sera: evening gown

camicietta: blouse

fuseaux: leggings

pelliccia: fur coat

unisex

cappotto: coat
pantaloni: BR trousers (pl.), AM pants (pl.) - ! BR pants = mutande
pantaloni corti, short: shorts (pl.)
giacca: jacket
complete: suit / outfit
abito da sera: evening dress
vestiti da lavoro: working clothes
grembiule: apron
impermeabile: raincoat / a trench coat: type of raincoat with pockets and a belt
giacca a vento con cappuccio: anorak
accessories: accessori
gioielli: jewellery
bigiotteria: costume jewellery
anello: ring
orecchini: earrings
bracciale/tto: bracelet
ciondolo: pendant
collana (di perle): (pearl) necklace
fermaglio, spilla: brooch

calzature: footwear (U)

scarpe sportive / da tennis: trainers (AM sneakers)
scarpe da tennis: tennis shoes
scarpe da ginnastica: gym shoes
scarpe basse: flat shoes
scarpe con i tacchi alti: high-heeled shoes
portare i tacchi alti: to wear high heels
scarpe aperte / chiuse: open / closed shoes
sandalo: sandal
infradito: flip-flops
stivale :(high) boot
stivaletto: ankleboot
pantofola: slipper
stringere, far male : to pinch

articoli in cuoio; pelletteria: leather goods

cintura: belt
guanto :glove
portafoglio: wallet
portamonete, borsellino: purse
borsetta: handbag
calzini: socks
cravatta: tie
sciarpa: scarf (pl. scarves)
ventaglio: fan

hairstyle

ricci: curly
"a spazzola": spiky
lisci: straight
rasato: shaved
sciolti: loose
legati: tied back
rasta
treccia: plait
portare le trecce: to wear plaits
coda di cavallo: pony-tail
capelli a coda di cavallo: hair tied in a pony-tail
riga: parting
riga di lato: side parting
riga in mezzo: centre parting

headgear

cappello: hat
cappuccio: hood
berretto: cap
cuffia: swimming cap
casco: helmet

underwear (U) / underclothing: intimo

intimo per donna: lingerie
reggiseno: bra
spallina, bretella: strap
collant: tights
costume da bagno (donna) (intero, bikini): (one-piece/two-piece) swimsuit
slip (unisex): (a pair of) pants / briefs
slip (donna): panties / knickers
slip (uomo): underpants / boxers
costume da bagno (uomo): swimming trunks
canottiera: vest
pigiamia (unisex): pyjamas (pl.)
vestaglia: dressing-gown
accappatoio: bathrobe

details

bottone: button || cerniera lampo: zip || manica: sleeve
a maniche corte: short-sleeved
a maniche lunghe: long-sleeved
tasca: pocket || scollatura: neckline
collo alto, collo a dolcevita: polo neck, turtleneck || abito scollato: low-necked dress, low-cut dress

fashion show: sfilata di moda

modella: model
sfilare: to walk down the catwalk; to model
passerella: catwalk
stilista: fashion designer
abiti firmati: designer clothes

negozio di capi firmati: designer shop / boutique