



Clothes and Fashion Words in Another Language

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Why Learn Clothes Vocabulary?

Learning **clothes words** in another language is one of the most useful things you can do. Whether you're travelling abroad, making new friends, or just curious about how other languages work, knowing how to talk about what people wear helps you describe the world around you. When you visit **France, Spain, Germany**, or any other country, you'll see people wearing different styles, and being able to chat about fashion is a brilliant conversation starter.

Common Clothes in Different Languages

Let's explore some basic **clothing vocabulary**. In **French**, a shirt is "chemise" (for formal wear) or "t-shirt". Trousers are "pantalons", a dress is "robe", and shoes are "chaussures". In **Spanish**, a shirt becomes "camisa", trousers are "pantalones", a dress is "vestido", and shoes are "zapatos". In **German**, you'd say "Hemd" for shirt, "Hose" for trousers, "Kleid" for dress, and "Schuhe" for shoes.

Think of it like learning a secret code. Each language has its own special word for the same thing, just like how different games might call the same piece by different names.

Describing What People Wear

Once you know the words, describing clothing becomes exciting. You can talk about **colours, sizes, and styles**. In **French**, you might say "Elle porte une robe bleue" (She wears a blue dress). In **Spanish**, "Él lleva una camisa roja" (He wears a red shirt). In **German**, "Sie trägt einen schwarzen Hut" (She wears a black hat).

The key is understanding that different languages put words together in different orders. Some languages put the colour before the noun, while others put it after. Learning these **grammar patterns** helps you describe anyone's outfit correctly.

Think of it like building with blocks. You have the blocks (clothes words), but you need to stack them in the right order to make a sentence that works in that language.

Practice and Fun Activities

The best way to learn **clothes vocabulary** is through practice and games. Try describing what your family members are wearing, play matching games with picture cards, or watch short videos in your target language where people talk about fashion. You could even create your own fashion show commentary! The more you practise, the more natural it becomes to describe clothing in another language.