## **Dress Code**





## This week...

Jack and Chris are talking about the dress code. They are considering relaxing the dress code to motivate their staff.

## Lesson Objectives...

- Discussing dress codes
- Talking about rules

#### **Business English Conversation**

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## Warm Up – Topic Question





# Does the company you work for have a strict dress code?

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## **Picture Description**



What is the dress code at the company they work for?





What are they all wearing?

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Chris	Thanks for coming to see me, Jack. You're looking smart today.			
Jack	Thanks, Chris. I wanted to impress the CEO.			
Chris	Good idea. But don't worry too much about that. She doesn't expect perfection. Actually, I wanted to talk to you about the dress code.			
Jack	Really? What's up with the dress code? I'm not overdressed am I?			
Chris	We're thinking of relaxing it. These days, most people don't want to wear suits and ties. We want to motivate the staff, and reward them for their hard work.			
Jack	That makes sense. Have you considered doing a dress-down Friday?			
Chris	That means people wear whatever they want one day a week, right?			
Jack	That's right. It's great for morale. Just as long as we make sure to dress smart when meeting clients.			
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We're thinking of introducing a company uniform.

- 1. Actually, I wanted to talk to you about .....
- 2. We're thinking of .....
- 3. Have you considered .....?
- 4. Just as long as .....



#### **Role Play – Dress Code**



Student A informs Student B of some proposed changes to the dress code. Student B makes some suggestions, and discusses the finer details.



Student A: Tell Student B that you are thinking about making changes to the dress code. Student B: Discuss the finer points of the dress code with Student A with details from the Dress Code .

#### **Key Phrases**

- I wanted to speak to you regarding the dress code.
- We're planning on ....
- Executives will be expected to wear ....
- Would I be allowed to wear ....?
- Is the policy the same for men and women?
- When does the new policy come into force?
- Other

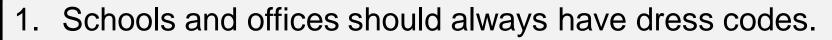
#### **Dress Code**

- business casual
- dress-down Friday
- uniform
- pant suit for female staff
- dress shirt
- necktie
- business shoes
- with/without jacket
- other

#### Dress Code







- 2. People are more productive when they feel comfortable with what they are wearing at work.
- 3. Neckties are unnecessary pieces of clothing.

**Agree or Disagree** 

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- What are the benefits of dress codes?
- Are you able to express your individuality in the way you dress at work?
  - Would you rather look smart or be comfortable?





allowed	-	You're not allowed to take your jacket off.
comfortable	-	I need to buy some comfortable shoes.
dress code	-	I think the dress code makes us all look dull.
dress-down	-	We're bringing in <mark>dress-down</mark> Fridays.
necktie	-	I have some extremely colorful neckties!
smart	-	The boss says we have to look <mark>smart</mark> .
strict	-	The rules are probably a bit too strict.