

# 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

## Advanced Class

## Warm Up – Topic Question



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

# Picture Description

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



B



A



What are they all wearing?

<b>Chris</b>	Thanks for coming to see me, Jack. You're looking smart today.
<b>Jack</b>	Thanks, Chris. I wanted to impress the CEO.
<b>Chris</b>	Good idea. But don't worry too much about that. She doesn't expect perfection. <b>Actually, I wanted to talk to you about</b> the dress code.
<b>Jack</b>	Really? What's up with the dress code? I'm not overdressed am I?
<b>Chris</b>	<b>We're thinking of</b> 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.
<b>Jack</b>	That makes sense. <b>Have you considered</b> doing a dress-down Friday?
<b>Chris</b>	That means people wear whatever they want one day a week, right?
<b>Jack</b>	That's right. It's great for morale. <b>Just as long as we</b> make sure to dress smart when meeting clients.

**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*

## Agree or Disagree



1. Schools and offices should always have dress codes.
2. People are more productive when they feel comfortable with what they are wearing at work.
3. Neckties are unnecessary pieces of clothing.

- 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 **dress-down** Fridays.*
- necktie - *I have some extremely colorful **neckties**!*
- smart - *The boss says we have to look **smart**.*
- strict - *The rules are probably a bit too **strict**.*