FASHION

FASHION AND SHOPPING
Complete the text with a word from the list.
bargains /'bɑːɡɪnz/ casual /'kæʒʊəl/ discount latest fashions
department stores designer clothes in and out of fashion mail order
sales window shopping smart

Nowadays people buy clothes in many different ways, in

chain stores, and smaller shops, or from catalogues, either by

(buying by post) or on the Internet. In spite of the growth of
‘on-line shopping’, for many people, especially women,

(looking at things in shop windows) and buying the

clothes (for work or formal occasions) to

clothes (to wear in your free time). (made by well-known

fashion companies) are the most expensive.

Clothes are also the items whose prices are most reduced during the

, normally after Christmas and in the summer, when you can

often find (things which are good value for money). Some

shops offer up to a 50% , or even more. This is because

they need to change stock rapidly, as clothes quickly go


PHRASAL VERBS AND IDIOMS: CLOTHES
a Match sentences 1–10 with a–j.
1 Can I try it on?
2 Hang your coat up.
3 It doesn’t fit.
4 It suits you.
5 It matches your eyes.
6 Get dressed!
7 Go and get changed!
8 We have to dress up this evening.
9 Take off your shoes.
10 Put on a scarf.

b Cover 1–10. Look at a–j. Remember the first half.

MATERIALS AND ADJECTIVES DESCRIBING CLOTHES
Match the phrases and pictures.
a patterned silk scarf
da plain wool scarf
da V-necked cotton T-shirt
da long-sleeved striped shirt
da short-sleeved checked blouse
da loose linen jacket
da tight lycra jacket
high-heeled leather boots

Underline the stress on the words in bold. Practise saying them.

Cover the phrases. Describe the pictures.

ITEMS OF CLOTHING
Put the clothes in the right section.

a blouse a cap a dress a dressing-gown gloves a handkerchief (hanky) pyjamas a running vest sandals a shirt a skirt slippers a sweatshirt a tie tights a tracksuit trainers a waistcoat

Underline the stress. Add more items to each column.