

## Appendix - Answer Keys

### Introduction

Before you read, think about the following questions.

*Answers will vary.*

### Background Reading: Questions

*Understanding the reading*

1. What are dress codes?

*Dress codes are rules about what kind of clothing people should wear in different situations.*

2. What is one example of a formal written dress code?

*School rules forbidding students from wearing short skirts or shirts with obscene writing on the them.*

3. What is an example of an unspoken dress code?

*Not wearing suits to school, wearing dark clothing to funerals and wearing colourful clothing to weddings.*

4. What should you do if you find that you have wrong the wrong kind of clothing for a certain situation? *Act normally and try not to worry about it.*

*Food for thought*

5. What are some unwritten dress codes that you know of? Do you think people worry too much what they wear? *Answers will vary.*

6. Have you ever found yourself breaking an unspoken dress code? What did you do? *Answers will vary.*

### Pre-listening vocabulary

1. Our teacher gave us some guidelines for how to write a good essay.
2. You should wear formal attire to weddings and graduation ceremonies.
3. Ideally, I would like a job in marketing , but in this economy I will take anything!

4. Research and development is part of my portfolio in my new job.
5. She wore an outrageous hat to the wedding and everyone stared at her.
6. I don't like being a subordinate at work. One day I will be the boss!
7. As a rule of thumb, it is a good idea to arrive at large parties about half an hour late.
8. I think the T.V. commercial should portray our restaurant as a family-friendly place to eat.
9. I didn't disagree in an overt way. I just crossed my arms and looked away.
10. I don't mind if students' homework has mistakes in it, but I hate sloppiness! I always ask my students to write neatly and carefully.
11. You shouldn't let your job dictate how you live your life.
12. I dread telling my parents that I am getting a divorce.
13. There was an onslaught of customers at the bar after the hockey game.
14. I don't like it when my husband buys me clothes because he has really bad taste.
15. I am really shy so I never wear provocative clothing.
16. I wear dressier clothes at work than I do at home. At home I like to relax in jeans and T-shirts.

## Listening for meaning

1. Are most of the dress code violations Margot sees very serious violations or small variations?  
Given an example.

*Most of the violations are small things such as skirts that are a bit too short or wearing yoga clothes.*

2. What is the worst time of year for dress code problems in the workplace? Why?  
*Summer is the worst time of year for dress code problems. Clothing is more casual in the summer and women's clothing tends to have more short skirts, thin straps, etc. in the summer.*

3. According Margot, do men and women break dress code in the same way, or differently?  
Explain your answer.

*They break dress code differently. Women might sometimes dress too provocatively and men might sometimes dress in poor taste.*

4. Why is it important to “get it right” when dressing for the workplace?  
*How you dress tells your company who you are and what you stand for in the organization.*
5. Why is it important for companies to have clear policies and guidelines for staff about dress code.  
*It makes it easier for supervisors to discuss inappropriate dress with employees.*
6. According to Margot, what should a male boss do when talking to a female subordinate about dress code problems?  
*He should stick to the specifics of the issue he is dealing with. It also helps if there is a dress code.*
7. What new trends has Margot noticed in the workplace in terms of clothes?  
*She has noticed that there is more business casual clothing than ever before.*
8. What kinds of clothing does Margot consider to be business casual?  
  
*Business casual includes the following: dress pants, a shirt, dresses, and sweater.*

## Listening Strategies

Piece of clothing/outfit	Appropriate for some workplaces according to this speaker	Inappropriate for the workplace according to this speaker
Very short skirts		<input type="checkbox"/>
Gym clothes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pants with frayed bottoms		<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf shorts	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cargo pant shorts		<input type="checkbox"/>
Thin strap tops		<input type="checkbox"/>
Khaki pants	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Untucked dress shirts	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jeans		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweaters	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Building Speaking Skills

Margot	You know that's the <u>Y</u> interesting thing about dress codes, is they're never really <u>Y</u> outrageous, they're just slightly <u>Y</u> off. So we see things like shorter skirts than you might like to see <u>Y</u> or clothes that you might wear to <u>W</u> a yoga class sometimes shows up.	0:34
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## Grammar Activity –

Word from the reading	Part of speech	A second form of the word and its part of speech	A third form of the word and its part of speech
1. relaxed	adjective	relax (verb)	relaxing (adjective)
2. Ideally	adverb	ideal – (adjective)	
3. perfect	adjective	perfection (noun)	perfect (verb)
4. mistakes	noun (plural)	mistake (verb)	mistakenly (adverb)
5. sloppiness	noun	slop (verb)	sloppy (adjective)
6. seasonally	adverb	season - (noun)	seasonal (adjective)
7. normally	adverb	normal (adjective)	norm (noun)
8. dread	verb	dreadful (adjective)	dreadfully (adverb)
9. offenders	noun (plural)	offend (verb)	Offensive (adjective)
10. obvious	adjective	obviously (adverb)	obviousness (noun)
11. dressier	adjective (comparative)	dress (verb)	dress (noun)
12. noticed	verb (past	noticeable (adjective)	notice (noun)