VOCABULARY

Adjectives for describing people’s clothing:
How things fit: baggy, loose, tight, close-fitting
Style: long-sleeved, sleeveless, V-neck, round-neck, pleated
How people look: elegant, smart, scruffy, chic, trendy, messy, old-fashioned, fashionable, well-dressed, badly-dressed.

Verbs associated with clothing:
Can I try on these grey shoes in the window?
I love dressing up for parties as I normally wear jeans
The skirt is too tight and too short-it needs letting out and letting down
The dress is too loose and too long-it needs taking in and taking up
He changed out of his weekend clothes into his uniform
Red usually doesn’t suit people with ginger hair
Her black bag matches her shoes
Those shoes don’t fit the boy any more. He’s grown out of them.

Materials which clothes are often made of
A silk shirt feels soft and light but also warm. Cotton shirts are cool but they need ironing.
Velvet skirts are rich and warm for winter parties. Jeans are usually made of denim.
Suede is a kind of leather but it isn’t shiny. Nylon, polyester and lycra are artificial fibres.
We get wool from sheep; woollen clothes keep you warm when it’s cold. All the above words for materials except wool and woollen can be nouns or adjectives.

Adjectives used to describe the patterns on materials
Pin-striped
Spotted
Plain
Striped
Checked
Flowery
Tartan