Clothes

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each clothing term with its meaning.

1 cuff	____	a complete set of clothes worn together
2 hem	____	b inside layer of fabric in a garment
3 buckle	____	c folded and sewn edge of a piece of clothing
4 lining	____	d rule about acceptable clothing
5 fastener	____	e object used to close or secure something
6 garment	____	f end part of a sleeve
7 outfit	____	g piece of clothing
8 dress code	____	h metal or plastic frame used to fasten a belt

2 Complete the alteration and clothing collocations.

down | in | into | out | out of | taken | up | wear

1 change _____ formal clothes

2 change _____ a wet jacket

3 take a loose dress _____

4 let a tight skirt _____

5 have trousers taken _____

6 have a hem let _____

7 _____ smart clothes

8 grow _____ a pair of shoes

3 Correct one mistake in each sentence.

1 This shirt does not **match me**. _____

2 The shoes are elegant, but they do not **suit my feet**. _____

3 I need to **make up** the trousers because they are too long. _____

4 She **dressed into** her uniform before work. _____

5 The jacket is too small, so it needs **taking out**. _____

6 He wore **a shorts** and a plain T-shirt. _____

7 The sleeves are too short; they need **taking up**. _____

8 This is a very **fashion** design. _____

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4 Complete the tailor's notes with words from the box.

buckle | cuffs | dress code | fit | hem | lining | outfit | take in | take up | zip

The client needs an **1** _____ for a formal event with a strict **2** _____. The jacket is a good **3** _____ across the shoulders, but we should **4** _____ the waist slightly. One sleeve has a damaged **5** _____, and the **6** _____ is torn. The trousers need a new **7** _____, so we will **8** _____ both legs. Finally, replace the skirt's **9** _____ and the belt's broken **10** _____.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

A capsule wardrobe

Nadia built a small wardrobe around twelve versatile garments. She chose neutral colours, similar materials and simple patterns so that nearly every top matched every bottom. Before buying anything, she checked whether it worked with at least three existing outfits. She spent more on durable shoes and a well-cut coat, but bought fewer trend-led pieces. A capsule wardrobe saves her time and storage space. However, it requires regular laundry and may feel restrictive to someone who enjoys frequent changes of style.

1 How many garments form Nadia's wardrobe? _____

2 Why do the items combine easily? _____

3 What rule does she use before buying? _____

4 Which items cost her more? _____

5 What two benefits does she mention? _____

6 What two possible disadvantages are identified? _____

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 The trousers are too long and must be shortened. **TAKEN** _____

2 The dress is too loose at the waist. **IN** _____

3 He can no longer wear those shoes because he is bigger. **GROWN** ___

4 She replaced casual clothes with a suit. **CHANGED** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** guide to choosing an outfit for a formal or practical situation. Discuss fit, coordination, fabric, dress code and possible alterations.

[ ] Use at least ten target expressions. [ ] Use alteration phrasal verbs accurately. [ ] Distinguish fit, match and suit.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Clothing terms

1 **f** 2 **c** 3 **h** 4 **b** 5 **e** 6 **g** 7 **a** 8 **d**

2 Alterations and clothing

1 **into** 2 **out of** 3 **in** 4 **out** 5 **up** 6 **down** 7 **wear** 8 **out of**

3 Corrections

1 does not **suit me** 2 do not **fit my feet** 3 **take up** 4 **changed into**
5 **letting out** 6 **a pair of shorts** 7 **letting down** 8 **fashionable**

4 Tailor's notes

1 **outfit** 2 **dress code** 3 **fit** 4 **take in** 5 **cuff** 6 **lining** 7 **hem** 8 **take up** 9 **zip** 10 **buckle**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 Twelve. 2 They share neutral colours, similar materials and simple patterns. 3 A new item must work with three existing outfits.
4 Durable shoes and a well-cut coat. 5 Time and storage space. 6 Frequent laundry and limited variety.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 The trousers must be **taken up**. 2 The dress needs taking **in**. 3 He has **grown out of** the shoes. 4 She **changed out of** casual clothes **into** a suit.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check collocations, alteration verbs and situational suitability.