

*Clothes do (not) make the man*

**1. Complete the idioms with the missing items of clothing:**

***Belt, belt, bonnet, cap, collar, hat, hat, pants, pocket, skirt***

**Idioms**

-  A nightcap
-  At the drop of a hat
-  Below the belt
-  Smarty pants
-  To be hot under the collar
-  To be out of pocket
-  To have a bee in one's bonnet
-  To have under one's belt
-  To take off one's hat to someone
-  To skirt around

**Some clues to help you out**

- Bottle top
- Magicians often wear one
- Martial arts reward
- Jeans
- Shirt part
- A small bag inside or outside a piece of clothing
- A hat tied under one's chin
- Trousers' support
- Cowboy, straw or top
- Maxi or mini

**2. Match the idiomatic expressions to their definitions:**

-  A hot, often alcoholic drink before bedtime \_ A nightcap
-  Immediately \_ At the drop of a hat
-  Someone who wants to appear clever \_ Smarty pants
-  To achieve something \_ To have under one's belt
-  To admire someone \_ To take off one's hat to someone
-  To avoid a topic \_ To skirt around
-  To be angry \_ To be hot under the collar
-  To keep talking about something because it is important to you \_ To have a bee in one's bonnet
-  To not have much money \_ To be out of pocket
-  Unfair \_ Below the belt

**3. Complete the sentences below with the missing items of clothing and tell your partner(s) if the sentences are true for you.**

 I always skirt around the issue of money. I am not comfortable discussing personal finance.

 A person who would help me at the drop of a hat is my sister.

 I would rather date a smarty pants than someone with severe OCD.

 I would feel more comfortable if I had better typing skills under my belt.

 One of my friends has a real

bee in her bonnet about healthy eating. She never stops talking about it.

 The last time I was out of pocket was just after Christmas.

 I often have a nightcap before bedtime, usually a cup of Maca tea.

 Making jokes about people's physical appearance is below the belt.

 Unlike others, I never get hot under the collar when I drive. I am a very patient driver.

 A fashion designer I would take my hat off to is Coco Chanel.

**4. Answer the questions below in pairs or small groups. Oh and of course complete the sentences with...you guessed it... items of clothing ;)**

 Are there any issues you always skirt around?

 Name one part of the world you would go to at the drop of a hat?

 What's the best way to deal with a smarty pants?

 What are some great skills to have under your belt?

 What do you have a bee in your bonnet about?

 What is the best way to avoid being out of pocket? Come up with at least three ideas.

 What is your favourite nightcap?

 What remarks do you consider below the belt?

 When was the last time you got rather hot under the collar?

 Which of your friends or family members do you take your hat off to?