



UNIT 8B · GENERAL A1

8B

Class Book and Workbook · one complete unit

By the end you will...

- Name common clothes and colours
- Describe what people are wearing right now
- Talk about today's weather in simple sentences
- Use present continuous to describe people (he/she/they)
- Describe a person's appearance in a short paragraph

Warm-up · What are you wearing?

Look at your clothes today. Answer with short sentences: 'I'm wearing...'.

- Say three things you are wearing today.
- What colour is your favourite piece of clothing?
- Is it hot or cold today? What are you wearing because of the weather?

1. Lead-in · Odd one out: clothes

Which word is different? Say why in English.

coat · jacket · sandals

shoes · boots · hat

red · blue · shirt

shorts · T-shirt · scarf

Describe your clothes today: 'I'm wearing...'

2. Reading · Three people at the bus stop

It's Monday morning at the bus stop. A man is standing near the sign. He's wearing a grey suit and black shoes. He's holding a coffee. He's going to work.

Next to him, a young woman is sitting on the bench. She's wearing jeans, a green jacket and white trainers. She's listening to music and she's smiling.

A little boy is standing with his mother. He's wearing a blue coat and red boots. It's raining, so he's holding a small umbrella too.

Comprehension

What is the man wearing?

What is the young woman doing?

Why is the boy holding an umbrella?

2b. Words in the text

Match the word with the meaning.

- a suit
formal jacket and trousers, often for work
- trainers
comfortable sports shoes
- a bench
a long seat, often outside

- boots
shoes that cover your foot and ankle

2c. Talk about the text

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Who in the text is dressed like you today?
Answer key: Model: I'm dressed like the young woman. I'm wearing jeans and a jacket.
- What do you wear when it rains?
Answer key: Model: I wear a raincoat and I carry an umbrella.

Why Are Raincoats Always Yellow?

Source: Apex English · graded news-style report · Original text written for Apex English (A1 graded reader)

A short report about the colour of workwear and safety clothes.

Look at road workers, sailors and firefighters. Many of them are wearing yellow or orange clothes. Why? The answer is simple: these colours are easy to see.

A driver can see a person in a yellow jacket from far away, even at night or in the rain. This is why many raincoats and safety jackets are yellow, orange or bright green.

Fashion designers say normal clothes are often blue, black or grey because these colours match everything. But for safety clothes, bright colours save lives. 'A boring colour can be dangerous outside,' one designer says.

1. READ FOR GIST

- What is the text about?
Answer key: Why safety clothes and raincoats are often yellow or orange.
- Why are these colours used?
Answer key: Because they are easy to see, even at night or in the rain.

2. READ FOR DETAIL

- Name two jobs mentioned in the text.
Answer key: Road workers and firefighters (also sailors).
- Why can a driver see a yellow jacket easily?
Answer key: Because yellow is a bright colour that stands out.
- What colours do normal clothes often use?
Answer key: Blue, black or grey.

3. GLOSSARY

road worker

a person who works on streets and roads

firefighter

a person whose job is to stop fires

bright

strong and easy to see (a colour)

match

to look good together

4. DISCUSS IN PAIRS

- What colour clothes do you wear most often?
- Do you have a bright jacket or raincoat? What colour is it?

3. Vocabulary · Clothes, colours & weather

SET A

a shirt / a T-shirt

you wear it on your top half

trousers / jeans / a skirt

you wear them on your legs

a jacket / a coat

you wear it over other clothes, often outside

shoes / boots / trainers

you wear them on your feet

a hat / a scarf / gloves

you wear them when it's cold

red, blue, green, black, white, yellow

basic colours for describing clothes

SET B

What's the weather like today?

ask about the weather

It's sunny / rainy / cold / hot.

describe the weather

I like your jacket!

a friendly comment about clothes

What are you wearing?

ask what someone has on now

Practice

Complete with ONE word.

- It's raining, so I'm wearing a raincoat.
- My favourite colour is blue.
- She's wearing black shoes with her dress.
- It's cold, so he's wearing a hat and gloves.
- What's the weather like today? — It's sunny.

3b. What do you wear...?

Match the situation with the clothes.

- at the beach
shorts and a T-shirt

- in winter
a coat, a scarf and gloves
- at a formal party
a suit or a nice dress
- at the gym
trainers and sports clothes
- when it rains
a raincoat and boots

4. Grammar · Present continuous for description

Form: be + verb-ing

He is wearing a coat. She is smiling. They are standing near the door.

Use: describing now

We use the present continuous to say what is happening at this moment, especially for describing a picture or a scene.

Spelling: -ing

wear wearing · sit sitting (double the last letter) · smile smiling (drop the -e).

He / She + is

He's wearing jeans. She's holding a bag. The boy is standing near his mother.

They + are

They are waiting for the bus. The children are playing outside.

Questions

What is she wearing? Why are they standing there? Is he wearing a hat?

Present simple vs continuous

I usually wear jeans (general habit) but Today I'm wearing a dress (right now).

4a. Complete with the -ing form

Complete with the present continuous.

- He ___ (wear) a grey suit.
Answer key: is wearing
- She ___ (sit) on the bench.
Answer key: is sitting
- They ___ (stand) near the bus stop.
Answer key: are standing
- I ___ (hold) an umbrella.
Answer key: am holding
- The children ___ (play) in the park.
Answer key: are playing

4b. Make questions

Write a question with the words.

- what / she / wear
Answer key: What is she wearing?
- why / he / smile
Answer key: Why is he smiling?
- they / wait / for the bus
Answer key: Are they waiting for the bus?
- it / rain / now
Answer key: Is it raining now?

4c. Present simple or present continuous?

Choose the correct form.

- I usually ___ (wear) jeans, but today I ___ (wear) a dress.
Answer key: wear / am wearing
- She ___ (like) red clothes.
Answer key: likes
- Look! It ___ (rain).
Answer key: is raining
- He ___ (not/wear) a coat today. It's warm.
Answer key: isn't wearing

Look at the picture and use the grammar you just studied

Look at the picture. Write 4–5 sentences with the present continuous. Describe the clothes and the weather.

5. Listening · Find my sister at the airport

Carlos is at the airport. He calls his sister Elena to find her in the crowd. Listen for the clothes and colours.

Two voices — no narrator introduction.

Before you listen

- What do you wear when you travel?
- Is it easy to find someone in a crowd?

First listen — gist

- Where is Carlos?
Answer key: At the airport.
- What is the problem?
Answer key: He can't find his sister Elena in the crowd.

Second listen — detail

- What is Elena wearing?
Answer key: A blue coat and a red scarf.
- Where is Elena standing?
Answer key: Near the coffee shop, by the big window.
- What is Carlos wearing?
Answer key: A black jacket and jeans.

- What is Elena holding?

Answer key: A small brown suitcase.

5b. Useful language

Match the phrase with the use.

- I can't find you.
say you don't see someone
- What are you wearing?
ask about someone's clothes to find them
- I'm standing near...
say where you are
- I can see you now!
say you found the person

6. Speaking · Describe and guess

Work in pairs. Describe a person in the room without saying their name. Your partner guesses who it is.

- Describe a classmate
A: Describe the clothes and colours of a person in the room.
B: Listen and guess: 'Is it...?'
- At the airport
A: You are waiting for a friend. Describe your clothes on the phone.
B: Ask questions to find your friend: 'What are you wearing?'

6b. Talk together

Ask and answer in pairs.

- What are you wearing today?
- What's the weather like today?
- What clothes do you wear on holiday?
- Do you have a favourite colour for clothes?

6c. Mini presentation · A photo of my family

Show or describe a photo of your family or friends. Say 4–5 sentences about what they are wearing.

- Who is in the photo
- What is person 1 wearing
- What is person 2 wearing
- The weather in the photo
- One sentence about the occasion

7. Writing · A busy day in the city

Write 40–50 words describing people in a busy street. Use the present continuous and at least three clothes words with colours. Say what the weather is like.

WORKBOOK · HOME PRACTICE

Unit 8B Workbook

Do this after class. Answers are marked for your teacher.

1. Vocabulary gap-fill

Complete each sentence with ONE word from the box.

- It's cold, so I'm wearing a hat and gloves.
- He wears a suit for work every day.
- It's raining, so she's wearing her raincoat.
- I run in the park, so I wear trainers.
- What's the weather like today? — It's sunny.
- It's snowing, so the children are wearing boots.
- Her neck is cold, so she's wearing a scarf.

2. Present simple or present continuous?

Choose the correct form.

- I usually ___ (wear) black shoes, but today I ___ (wear) trainers.
Answer key: wear / am wearing
- Look! It ___ (rain).
Answer key: is raining
- She ___ (like) blue clothes.
Answer key: likes
- He ___ (not/wear) a coat today.
Answer key: isn't wearing
- They ___ (wait) for the bus right now.
Answer key: are waiting
- We ___ (go) to work by bus every day.
Answer key: go
- Right now, I ___ (hold) an umbrella.
Answer key: am holding

3. Clothes or weather word?

Choose the correct category.

'scarf' is a ___.

'sunny' is a ___.

'boots' is a ___.

'rainy' is a ___.

'jacket' is a ___.

'cold' is a ___.

4. Find and fix the mistake

Each sentence has ONE mistake. Write it correctly.

- She wear a red coat today.
Answer key: She's wearing a red coat today.
- What she is wearing?
Answer key: What is she wearing?

- They is standing near the door.
Answer key: They are standing near the door.
- He wearing black shoes.
Answer key: He's wearing black shoes.
- It rain right now.
Answer key: It's raining right now.
- I am wear a hat today.
Answer key: I am wearing a hat today.

5. Listening · What are they wearing?

Three people describe what they are wearing today. Listen for the clothes and colours.

- Speaker 1: what is she wearing?
Answer key: A green dress and white trainers.
- Speaker 2: what is he wearing?
Answer key: A grey suit and a blue tie.
- Speaker 3: why is she wearing a raincoat?
Answer key: Because it's raining outside.

6. Writing · A person I saw today

Write 40–50 words about a person you saw today. Say what they were wearing and what the weather was like. Use the present continuous.

7. Reflection

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Which -ing spelling rules are difficult for you? Write one example.
Answer key: Model: The double letter rule is difficult. 'Sit' becomes 'sitting'.
- Write three clothes words you use often.
Answer key: Model: jeans, a jacket, trainers.