

# What's Your Dressing I.Q.? For Men

## TRUE OR FALSE

1. The way you look has nothing to do with helping you get a job or promotion.
2. A good person to ask for accurate advice on what goes with what is a salesperson in the men's department.
3. If you are really good at your job, you won't need to follow a dress code as closely as the next guy.
4. If your workplace is a business casual, it's not important to wear a jacket.
5. Ties that have muted, quiet, subtle colors look better on men than those that have brighter colors.
6. Any shade of gray is a good, safe, elegant choice for your suits, jackets, and trousers.
7. A black suit is a bit formal looking for the office?
8. A blue shirt will look great with any tie that has blue in it?
9. All dark-haired men will look better in different colors and color combinations than those that look great on light-haired men.
10. When it comes to looking professional, a pure white shirt with a dark suit is the best way to go.
11. To look like you know your stuff, it's important to keep up with at least some of the latest trends.
12. To look more intelligent it's important not to wear any of the latest trends.
13. Never unbutton your jacket during an interview or a very important meeting.

14. All plain looking leather lace-up shoes are appropriate with all suits.
15. It's fine to wear a button-down shirt with any suit.
16. All ties, as long as they are tied in a medium size or small knot, can be worn with a button-down shirt.
17. Men who are fuller-bodied in their midsection should avoid double-breasted jackets.
18. A white shirt is always appropriate with any suit.
19. A short-sleeved shirt dress shirt is appropriate with a suit when it is very warm outside.
20. A shirt with a longer pointed collar is a good choice for a man with a round face who wishes to make his face look less round.
21. A dressy looking tie can "dress-up" a more casual looking suit.
22. During an interview the person doing the interviewing will make a judgment about whether you look right for the job in just 15 seconds.
23. Khakis with a polo shirt is a good choice for a business casual look.
24. If your co-workers wear jeans and T-shirts to work, it's okay for you to do the same.
25. It's not a good idea to call attention to yourself because of what you are wearing.
26. Looking totally coordinated all of the time could hurt your image.
27. It's old fashioned to think that your shoes need to always match your belt.
28. It's being overly picky to worry about matching the metals of your belt buckle, blazer buttons, watch, and cuff links.
29. Your suit, jackets, and trousers should be dry cleaned frequently.

30. Moths don't/won't eat holes in the clothing that has been dry-cleaned just before storing or that is stored with cedar chips, in a cedar closet, or cedar chest.
31. It's okay to travel in very casual attire (like sweats and athletic shoes) as long as you don't have to go straight into a meeting when you arrive.

## ANSWERS

1. False-it can be a tie breaker or even an enormous help.
2. False-the vast majority of salespeople are not trained and many will offer opinion that is often wrong.
3. False-even if you are very, very good at what you do, the way you look can hold you down or help you move up.
4. False if you want to get ahead-the simple act of wearing a jacket when you don't have to can give you an important edge.
5. False for about 50% of you-there is a 50/50 chance that wearing muted, quiet colors can make you look ineffective.

6. False-there are many shades of gray (from blue grays to brownish grays) and only one or two will look great on you-the others could make you look drab.
7. False-if you look great in black you can wear it anywhere.
8. False-to look good, the blues needs to be from the same color family.
9. False-the colors and color combinations that will look super on you have to do with your Color-Type, and of the 12 different Color Types, dark-haired men can be found in all 12 and light-haired men in 6 of the 12.
10. False for about 50% of you. It's a 50/50 chance that pure white will look inexpensive on you while a softer white will look great.
11. False-you can dress in totally classic attire and look awesome.
12. False-if you choose carefully, wearing a trend could make you look brilliant.
13. False-it's fine to unbutton your jacket when seated and button it when you stand up.
14. False-lace-ups that are heavy looking are not appropriate with light/tropical weight suiting fabrics.
15. False-button-down shirts are too casual looking to be worn with dressy suits, especially pinstripes.
16. False-dressy looking ties look out of place on button-down shirts.
17. False-double-breasted styles can look great on anybody-it's all in the way they fit.
18. False-suits and jackets that are muted or blended looking most often need to be worn with a cream, beige, or ecru shirt.
19. False-there is no such thing as a short-sleeved dress shirt.

20. False-longer pointed collars are not very flattering to any face shape and instead of making a round face look less round, by contrast, they can make it look more so.
21. False-wearing a silky, dressy looking tie with a casual suit doesn't dress it, or you, *up*-it only makes you look like you don't know what's what.
22. False-it only takes 7 seconds.
23. False unless you want to look like every other man (who has no imagination).
24. False for the same reason as above-at least add a jacket and make sure the t-shirt you are wearing is very nice.
25. False-if you want to move up, it's much better for you in all ways to be memorable than to be invisible.
26. False-having a pulled-together look in your attire indicates to others that you are competent in other aspects of your life as well.
27. False if you want a well-coordinated look and very false if you want a dressy look.
28. False-take the time to match your metals.
29. False-dry-cleaning kills your clothes-about three times a season is usually enough.
30. False-dry cleaning or cedar in any amount will not keep moths from eating wool.
31. False-understand really, really well that comfort and sloppy are not synonyms, and that everywhere you go you represent yourself and your company-you never know when your seat mate on an airplane might be the CEO of a company you've always wanted to work for or the woman of your dreams.