

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 44

## Describe an occasion that you wore formal clothes.

You should say:

- What occasion it was
- When it was
- Where it was
- And explain why you wore it

It must have been around a couple of years ago, you know one of my cousins actually decided that **it was time** for him to **tie the knot** and **settle down**. I **vividly recall**, a couple of days **prior to** the reception he was all **hyped** and **jittery**. He kinda kept **preaching** everyone all day long, how they better be dressed and all. He made it clear that everybody had to **dress up** and look absolutely **dapper**. You know, I'm sort of always **finicky** when I gotta put on clothes for some ceremony. But the thing is, I'm all bout **comfy** clothes and pretty much informal stuff I'd say. You know it makes me feel awkward **big time**, just to wear stuff in which you've literally got no room to stretch or bend. Sort of Makes you feel like a wooden stick. Anyhow, as **corny** as the whole idea sounded, I didn't **make a fuss** about it and thought I'd just **follow suit**. As I recall, since I had never worn any formal clothes up to that time, I had to hit a couple of malls looking for fancy, flashy but sort of formal clothes. I managed to buy a beautiful black **tux** with a **bow-tie** which actually came with it. When I first saw myself in the mirror with **tuxedo** on, it felt like a **dressed to kill** kinda situation. I ain't gonna lie but I was **in the spot light** during the whole thing. Anyways, it definitely was a hell of an experience.

# Language Focus

## **It was time**

(it is) past the time when something should have happened:

It's about time she got a job.

## **Tie the knot**

get married

## **Settle down**

begin to live a quiet and steady life by getting a regular job, getting married, etc

## **Vividly**

in a way that produces powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind.

"Margaret remembers vividly the day she received the grim news"

## **Recall**

bring (a fact, event, or situation) back into one's mind; remember.

"I can still vaguely recall being taken to the hospital"

## **Prior to**

before

"she visited me on the day prior to her death"

## **Hyped**

Extremely excited, ecstatic, stoked

## **Jittery**

nervous or unable to relax.

"caffeine makes me jittery"

## **Preach**

earnestly advocate (a belief or course of action).

"my parents have always preached toleration and moderation"

**Dress up**

dress in smart or formal clothes.

synonyms: dress smartly, dress formally, wear evening dress;

**Dapper**

(of a man) neat and trim in dress and appearance.

"he looked very dapper in a dark silk suit"

**Big time**

on a large scale; to a great extent.

"this time they've messed up big time"

**Finicky**

showing or requiring great attention to detail.

"his finicky copperplate hand"

**Comfy**

comfortable.

"comfy furniture"

**Corny**

trite, banal, or mawkishly sentimental.

"it sounds corny, but as soon as I saw her I knew she was the one"

**Make a fuss**

become angry and complain.

"I thought Mum might make a fuss but she was in a good mood"

**Follow suit**

conform to another's actions.

"Spain cut its rates by half a per cent but no other country has followed suit"

**Bow-tie**

a necktie in the form of a bow or a knot with two loops.

**Tuxedo**

a suit of formal evening clothes including a tuxedo.

**Dressed to kill**

wearing glamorous clothes intended to create a striking impression.

**In the spot light**

Someone or something that is in the spotlight is getting a great deal of public attention.

Webb is back in the spotlight.