



# CLOTHING

## WRITING A CLOTHING EVENT COMMENTARY

*In a clothing event, runway commentaries tell the audience about you and the special features of your garment. It is also your opportunity to share what you learned during the experience of purchasing or making your outfit. Commentaries are concise, usually between 50 and 100 words long.*

### What to Include In Your Commentary

- An introduction with your name, age, and county. You may also include your school, grade, and your 4-H club.
- A brief outfit description. What is special about your outfit?
- Describe the color, texture and design of the fabric.
- Use action verbs like “A row of beads accents the neckline” or “A belt circles the waist”
- Describe outfit details that the audience cannot see from a distance.
- What is the fabric’s fiber content? For example: 100% cotton knit.
- Include where you will be wearing the garment.
- Describe what you learned. This can be in general or specific to your category. General ideas could include deciding on your wardrobe needs before shopping, comparison shopping, or looking at the suggested care before purchasing clothing or fabric. You may also include what you have learned from your 4-H experiences.

### What to Include If You Constructed Your Outfit

- What sewing techniques you used.
- What alterations or changes you made to the pattern.
- Describe the fabrics and why you chose them.
- Consider using information from the description on the back of the pattern envelope.

### What to Include If You Purchased Your Outfit

- What were you looking for before you went shopping and did it change?
- What you like about the outfit for the intended purpose.
- Where you bought the pieces in your outfit.

### Writing Your Commentary

Practice reading stage commentaries aloud. Use a moderately slow pace when reading commentaries—do not rush. Edit your commentary so it is concise and informative to hold the audience’s interest.

### Sample Commentaries

*Jane Doe of X County, models a colorful polka dot sundress to complement her bubbly and fun personality. The constructed black 100% cotton sundress features purple, orange, pink and yellow polka dots. An orange ribbon circles her waist for contrast. The circle skirt falls in graceful folds and the fitted bodice has spaghetti straps. This was Jane’s first attempt at putting in a zipper. She credits her success to a seamstress friend who was available for pointers, guidance, and encouragement. Participating in the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event and educational presentations has given her confidence to walk and talk with poise. Jane will be a senior this fall.*

*Here comes X County 4-H member, John Doe, in his snazzy, blast-from-the-past suit. This outfit features a vintage jacket and matching brown slacks and was worn by John at his senior prom. The white shirt and brown tie compliment the jacket and pulls the outfit together. Simple brown shoes complete the look. His friends really liked this outfit and were surprised to learn he paid under \$10 for the pieces! John has enjoyed helping younger members in his club, doing community service projects and being on 4-H county council. This fall John will attend college with a business major. He plans to wear his “new” suit in college also.*



## COLLARS

Boatneck  
Button down  
Cropped  
Jewel neckline  
Pleated  
Princess lines  
Stand up

## POCKETS

In-seam  
Patch  
Concealed  
Welt

## TROUSERS

Ankle cropped  
Bell bottom  
Capri  
Hip-pleated

## SKIRTS

A-line  
Asymmetrical  
Full  
Gathered  
Gracefully flared  
Handkerchief hem  
Knee-skimming  
Pencil  
Split

## SLEEVES

Cap  
Dolman  
Gathered  
Kimono  
Pleated  
Raglan  
Ruffled  
Set in  
Three quarter

## WAIST

Contoured  
Draw-string  
Dropped waist  
Elastic  
Empire/High  
Gathered

## GENERAL DESCRIPTORS

Accent  
Accessorize  
Adds to  
Appeal  
Asymmetrical  
Back to nature  
Bling  
Casual  
Challenge  
Chic  
Classic  
Closure  
Combo to inspire  
Compliment  
Construct  
Coordinate  
Country clothes  
Country pattern  
Creative  
Dancing dream  
Day to night  
Daybreak fresh  
Decorate  
Design  
Dressed up to go  
Effortless grace  
Elegant  
Embellish  
Enhance  
Fashion  
Fashionable  
Festive  
Flatter  
Flounce  
Gleaming  
Gracefully flared  
High flying style  
Highlight  
Legacy of elegance  
Light as silk  
Lighthearted outlook  
Modeling  
Modern  
Modern romantic  
One of a kind  
Outfit  
Pastel  
Polished

## GENERAL DESCRIPTORS

*CONTINUED*

Preppy  
Pulled together look  
Rare  
Sassy  
School girl look  
Sense of rhythm  
Set for action  
Shades that conquer  
Shimmering  
Silhouette of  
Simple & straightforward  
Smashing look  
Soft and natural  
Spanning the seasons  
Sparkly  
Special  
Stitched  
Stunningly bold  
Stylish  
Timeless quality  
Trendy  
Unique  
Unmistakably feminine  
Unusual  
Upbeat spirit  
Varsity victory  
Warm & natural

## ACTION PHRASES

Stepping into spring  
Dancing into summer  
Diving into summer  
Jumping into summer  
Warming up for winter  
Calling for  
Looking for  
Searching for  
Going natural  
Stepping out  
Stepping up  
Teamed with  
Traveling through  
Walking away

## PATTERNS & FABRICS

Abstract  
Brocade  
Buffalo checks  
Chambray  
Checks  
Chiffon  
Color-blocked  
Crocheted  
Denim  
Embroidered  
Fleece  
Floral  
Gauze  
Georgette  
Herringbone  
Knitted  
Lacy  
Paisley  
Plaid  
Polka dot  
Printed  
Silky  
Striped  
Stylized  
Tapestry

## COLOR DESCRIPTIONS

Chromatic  
Color sliced  
Color spliced  
Cool  
Crayon bright  
Crisp  
Deep  
Dynamite color  
Fresh  
Jewel tone  
Light  
Lively  
Pastels  
Plaid  
Preppy colors  
Stimulating  
Striped  
Stripes  
Subdued pastels  
Warm