

Daily Life - Dry Cleaners (C0172)

A: Thank god you are open! I have an emergency!

B: Hello Mr. Henderson what can I do for you?

A: I need this dress and this suit dry cleaned ASAP!

B: OK, I can have it ready by the end of the week.

A: No you don't understand, I need this tomorrow morning! I accidentally spilled beer all over my wife's dress and we have a wedding to attend tomorrow! She's gonna kill me!

B: Ok, I can have it ready tomorrow afternoon, but this suit is also very stained. I can't guarantee we can remove it completely.

A: Fine! Can you also iron and starch this shirt?

B: Certainly.

A: Great! This is our secret! If you see my wife, say nothing to her about this!

Key Vocabulary

dry clean	<i>verb</i>	way to clean clothes without water using chemicals
spill	<i>verb</i>	to allow something to fall from the container
stained	<i>Adjective</i>	marked or dyed or discolored with foreign matter
starch	<i>verb</i>	stiffen (clothes, etc) with starch
iron	<i>verb</i>	to smooth clothes with a heated iron

Supplementary Vocabulary

delicate	<i>Adjective</i>	easily damaged
fabric	<i>common noun, singular</i>	cloth
neighborhood	<i>common noun, singular</i>	the surrounding area
to press	<i>verb</i>	to iron

hanger

*common noun,
singular*

a shoulder-shaped frame with a hook at the top for draping and hanging a piece of clothing when not in use