

When Tom Howard was seventeen years old he was as tall as his father, so he began to borrow Mr. Howard's clothes when he wanted to go out with his friends in the evening.

Mr. Howard did not like this, and he always got very angry when he found his son wearing any of his things.

One evening when Tom came downstairs to go out, his father stopped him in the hall. He looked at Tom's clothes very carefully.

Then he said angrily, 'Isn't that one of my ties, Tom?'

'Yes, Father, it is,' answered Tom.

'And that shirt's mine too, isn't it?' his father continued.

'Yes, that's yours too,' answered Tom.

'And you're wearing my belt!' said Mr. Howard.

'Yes, I am, Father,' answered Tom. 'You don't want your trousers to fall down do you?'