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## Lesson 1: Never wear socks with sandals

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Spring has arrived. Earth Day is just a week away. It's time to switch from closed shoes to sandals. For women, this is a no-brainer. For many men, it's a major headache. Which sandal styles to choose? Where and when to wear them? With what clothing? To bring guys up to speed, we present Sandals 101, featuring footwear available at online discount retailer Grapevinehill.com.

### THE THONG

No, not that thong. We're talking a sandal with a single strap that fits between the big and second toe. The rubber flip-flop is the most common version. For a more upscale look, try the Oakley 'Split Smoke' thong (\$39.99). Great with shorts, chinos or jeans for a just-from-the-beach look.

### THE SLIDE

These sandals have a single or double strap over the top of the foot. As the name implies, they slide on and off with ease. Sporty styles in plastic or rubber were popularized by European soccer players. The traditional Birkenstock Arizona slide (\$64.99) features microfiber straps. Dressier than thongs, slides go great with shorts or pants.

### FISHERMAN'S SANDAL

The most closed-in sandal, the fisherman's has several straps, including one behind the ankle. The Tommy Bahama fisherman's sandals (\$69.99) combine comfort with mature sophistication. Wear them to the club with your linen pants and silk camp shirt.

### SPORT SANDALS

These probably evolved from fisherman's sandals and were popularized in the 1990s by Teva. The waterproof Teva Terra-Fi model (\$44.99) features snug-fitting toe and ankle straps and a rubber footbed. Goes great with board shorts or cargo pants.

### DRESS SANDALS

This designer style favors fashion over function. Woven sandals from Tommy Bahama (\$89.99) take a man from a poolside cocktail party to a resort wedding. They provide 'a sophisticated way to keep your feet as cool as your company,' says Michael Ray, co-founder of online retailer Grapevinehill.com.

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