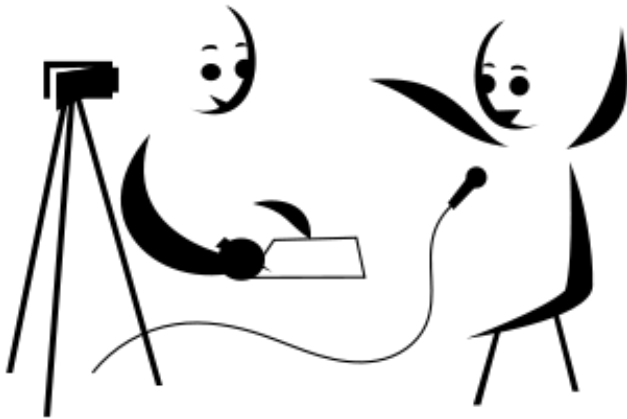


School Uniforms



In Great Britain and in many other countries kids have to wear uniforms to school. But is this a good idea? Our reporters have asked five teenagers. Here are their responses:

Mike (15): I think for poor kids it's better to wear uniforms at school. Some people in my class were bullied because they didn't have the money to buy designer clothes like the others. With uniforms everybody's the same,

and it doesn't matter how much money their parents make.

Sally (13): I prefer my own clothes. They're much more comfortable and they look better than our uniform. You should be allowed to wear what you want because it's important to feel good in your clothes.

Jenny (14): At school you shouldn't talk about your friend's new shirt or somebody's old trousers. It's easier to concentrate on the lessons when you don't have to worry about how you or somebody else looks – we go there to learn, don't we? And you can still wear your cool, trendy clothes in your free time.

Lisa (16): I'm against school uniforms. In my opinion, your clothes show who you are. For example, if you like heavy metal, you can wear a "Metallica" t-shirt. That way other people can see what you're interested in and what's important to you. I think everybody should have the right to show that.

Daniel (13): There's one really good thing about uniforms: You don't have to spend hours in front of the mirror to choose your clothes every morning – you just put on your uniform and you're done.

EXERCISE 1 Who is for uniforms, and who is against them? What are their arguments?

For school uniforms	Against school uniforms
name:	name:
arguments:	arguments:
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EXERCISE 2 How do you say these things in English?

a) Meiner Meinung nach ...

d) Jeder sollte das Recht haben ...

b) Ich denke ...

e) Es ist wichtig ...

c) Ich bin gegen ...

f) Aber das eine gute Idee?

EXERCISE 3 What do you think about school uniforms? Write down your own response.

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For school uniforms	Against school uniforms
name: <i>Mike</i> arguments: <i>bullying</i>	name: <i>Sally</i> arguments: <i>feel good in your clothes</i>
name: <i>Jenny</i> arguments: <i>concentrate on classes, not clothes</i>	name: <i>Lisa</i> arguments: <i>show your personality through your choice of clothing</i>
name: <i>Daniel</i> arguments: <i>you needn't think about what you're going to wear</i>	

EXERCISE 2 a) In my opinion ... b) I think ... c) I'm against ... d) Everybody should have the right ... e) It is important ... f) But is that a good idea?