1. ***What can clothes say about their owners?***
2. ***What is school uniform?***
3. ***How do students feel about their school uniform?***
4. ***How does school uniform improve academic results?***
5. ***Where does school uniform come from?***
6. ***When did school uniform appear in Russia?***
7. ***What colours are used for school uniform around the world?***

A: School uniform has a long history. The idea of special clothes for school was first introduced in Christ's Hospital, Great Britain, in the 16th century. It was a school for poor children. Its students had to wear a blue uniform, which gave the school its name, "The Blue Coat School". Now it is one of the most prestigious British schools. Later, the idea of school dress code spread to other countries.

B. Today, there are no unified school clothes in Russia. Schools are free to choose their uniform and, of course, attitudes to it may differ. Junior students usually like wearing it because it shows their new status. Most senior students don't mind it either because it is practical and they do not have to think about what to wear each morning. However, some students prefer to wear their own clothes.

C: Most students in Russia wear school uniform. The tradition dates back to 1834. In those days, it was obligatory for high school students to wear military clothes. Boys' school jackets were dark green or navy. Also, each school had its own cap colour. Official girls' school uniform appeared 60 years later. Girls had to wear brow dresses with black and white aprons.

D: It's difficult to believe that schoolchildren in some countries wear their uniform even on holidays! Japanese children are proud of their stylish navy-blue uniform. Children in Mexico wear red, yellow or blue T-shirts and jackets to school. In Africa, boys like pink, green or violet uniform. Their teachers and parents are convinced that cheerful colours make children happier and help them study better.

E: Teenage fashion offers collections in oversize, denim, and grunge styles for different tastes. They are mostly for everyday wear. Young people usually choose the items and colours that help them express their individuality. For example, pastel colours create a

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romantic image. Energetic and ambitious teenagers prefer to wear bright colours. To look relaxed and careless, they choose jeans and baggy outfits.

F: Students, teachers and parents have always argued whether school uniforms are needed or not. First, let's define what a school uniform is. According to dictionaries, it is a standard set of clothing that students have to wear when attending school. School uniform is designed to promote discipline, reduce distractions and create a sense of student community. Each school usually has its own uniform.

GRAMMAR

20	We launch space craft and know a lot about our universe, the nearest planets and stars. However, we know surprisingly little about the place we live in, and one of the ..... mysteries of the planet is the ocean.	**GREAT**
21	It ..... a vast area and there are still so many mysteries hidden in its depths!	**OCCUPY**
22	Everyone knows that life first appeared in the water. Later some of the creatures ..... out of the ocean onto the land, and the others stayed there.	**COME**
23	The ocean ..... a lot since those prehistoric times but it is still a place where life is rich and diverse.	**CHANGE**
24	Nowadays the ocean ..... by millions of amazing creatures too.	**INHABIT**
25	They are tiny and huge, and some of ..... look as fantastic as aliens from other planets.	**THEY**
26	Marine researchers wish they ..... get to the bottom of the ocean to explore it, but unfortunately it is not possible now.	**CAN**
27	There ..... no technology yet that can allow people to go so deep under the water.	**BE**
28	The ocean is still keeping ..... secrets.	**IT**

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20	I had a difficult choice to make. I really ..... what I should do in a situation like that.	**NOT KNOW**
21	The thing was that I ..... to two birthday parties on the same day.	**INVITE**
22	One birthday girl was my cousin, Laura. She was turning eighteen that day and it was a very important event for	**SHE**
23	"It only ..... once in a lifetime," Laura told me. "You must be at my party.	**HAPPEN**
24	I ..... any excuse for missing it."	**NOT ACCEPT**
25	The day was very special for my close friend, Monica, too. It was her ..... birthday which was quite a day as well.	**TWENTY**
26	"I ..... a huge birthday cake!" she informed me on the phone. "I remember that you don't like chocolate cream, so there's only vanilla and fruit filling in it." The worst thing about the situation was that the girls knew each other quite well, My preference would not remain a secret.	**ORDER**
27	I didn't want to hurt either of the girls so I worked out a plan. Right before the parties I called both, Laura and Monica. I wished each of them a happy birthday and explained that I ..... too sick to come to the party.	**FEEL**
28	I invented a story about a bad flu, coughed and 'sneezed' terribly till I was sure they believed me. It was a pity to miss two wonderful parties in one day but it was the ..... way to avoid a quarrel, wasn't it?	**GOOD**

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