

ENG 201

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For and Against Essay



Should Students Wear School Uniforms?

Read the following opinions for five students and answer the questions.

Fatima Ahmed: I think that school uniforms are good for students. First, school uniforms save time in the morning. When students are getting ready for school (1) **they** don't have to think about what to wear. They simply put on the uniform and go to school. The second reason that I think school uniforms are good for students, is because they make everyone equal. The students who can't afford the fashionable clothes will not be noticed at school, because everyone is wearing the same uniform.

Amal Sami: In my opinion school uniforms are bad for students. First, school uniforms don't let students show their personality. People choose cloths that reflect (2) **their** own personality, and forcing students to all wear the same clothes takes away that basic ability. The second reason I think that school uniforms are bad for students is because of the name tags. Every place students go when wearing the uniform people can know their name. This does not allow the student's right to privacy, because strangers can see their name.

Noor Mansour: I believe school uniforms have some positive points. First, school uniforms can reduce bullying rates in schools. Often, students tease and bully one another because of their cultural differences. Wearing uniforms will help students see one another as individuals and mates, and not judge one another based simply on their culture. Second, the cost of a school uniform is reasonable. So all students can afford (4) **it**.

Khalid Sharif: I strongly feel that school uniforms have some disadvantages. First, school uniforms limit students' rights in the school. As you can see students do not choose the colour or the design of their school uniforms. Second, school uniforms are not the solution for bullying. In fact, wearing clothes at the school is better than uniforms. (5) **This idea** will help students accept other cultures inside and outside school as well.

Ali Salem: In my point of view school uniforms have some advantages. First, school uniforms help students focus on learning. In fact, school is a place where we study and (3) **it** is not a party hall to show off with our colourful or expensive clothes. Second, school uniforms provide a safe school environment. School administrations can easily recognize any outsider or stranger in the school.

A. What are the students talking about?

- ☐ Advantages of going to schools
- ☐ School Problems like bullying
- ☐ For and against opinions about school uniforms
- ☐ Disadvantages of wearing school uniforms

B. Match the words in the box with their definitions.

Fashionable- privacy- show off- reduce- bully- reasonable- accept

0. fashionable popular style of clothes
1. _____ agree about something
2. _____ make something smaller in size or degree
3. _____ behave in a bad way to attract people's attention
4. _____ not too expensive
5. _____ someone's right to keep personal matters secret
6. _____ hurt or frighten someone who is smaller or less powerful

C. What do these phrases in the texts refer to?

Example:

- (1) **they:** Students
- (2) **their :** _____
- (3) **it:** _____
- (4) **it:** _____
- (5) **This idea:** _____

D. Read the students' opinions and complete the following table.

| Names | Opinion |
|-----------------|--|
| 0 Fatima Ahmed | <i>I think that school uniforms are good for students.</i> |
| 1 Amal Sami | |
| 2 Ali Salem | |
| 3 Noor Mansour | |
| 4 Khalid Sharif | |

E. Read the students' opinions and complete the following table.

| 😊 For (Reasons) | ☹ Against (Reasons) |
|---|--|
| (1) School uniforms save time in the morning. | (1) School uniforms don't let students show their personality. |
| (2) They make everyone equal. | (2)..... |
| (3)..... | |
| | (3)..... |
| (4)..... | |
| | (4)..... |
| (5)..... | |
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