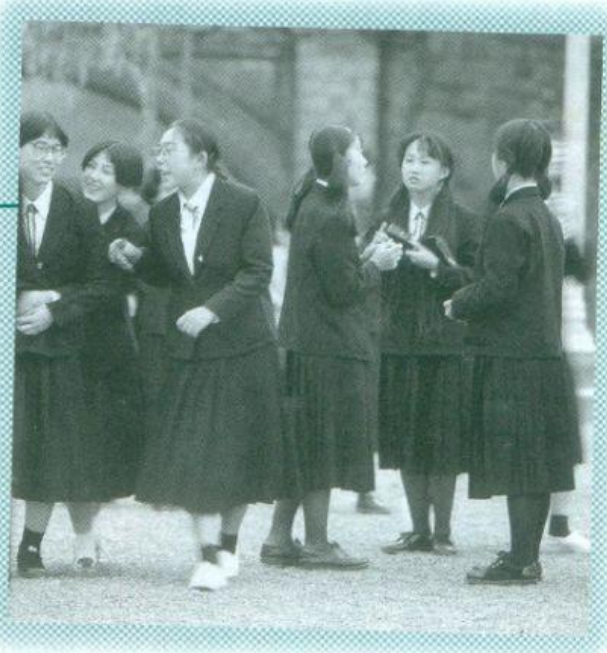
THINGS



PREPARE TO READ

Discuss these questions.

1. What kinds of clothes do you wear for school?
2. Do you think school uniforms are a good idea or a bad idea?

WORD FOCUS

Match the words with their definitions.

A.

1. appearance __	**a.** not agree; have a different idea
2. common __	**b.** the same
3. disagree __	**c.** things you have to do; laws
4. equal __	**d.** the way something or someone looks
5. rules __	**e.** usual

B.

1. obey __	**a.** something people have done for many years
2. tradition __	**b.** become
3. turn into __	**c.** do what someone says you have to do
4. unattractive __	**d.** not comfortable
5. uncomfortable __	**e.** not pretty

SCAN

A. Guess if this is true or false. Circle *a* or *b*.

School children in Britain wear uniforms.

a. True ***b***. False

B. Scan the passage quickly to check your answer.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TRACK 16

School Uniforms

In many countries, like Britain and Japan, wearing school uniforms is still a **tradition**, but in others, like the United States, France, and Germany, uniforms are not so **common**.

Some people say that uniforms are important. Uniforms help students learn to **obey rules** and learn to study better. They make all the students **equal** in **appearance**. They also help students feel like part of the school.

Other people **disagree**. They say that uniforms are **uncomfortable** and **unattractive**. Most importantly, they say that when students wear uniforms, they can't express themselves with their clothes.

Some students think uniforms can be attractive. Some school students make small changes to their uniforms because they want to look more fashionable. They use their uniforms as a way to express themselves. Some students try to attend the school with the best uniform. This is a different way to look at uniforms. An old tradition is **turning into** a new fashion.

WHICH MEANING?

What does *wear* mean in line 1?

1 (*verb*) put on clothes
2 (*noun*) clothes
3 (*verb*) to become old from use

CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION

Read the passage again and answer the questions. Circle your answers.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is the main topic of this passage?
   - A. Schools in different countries
   - B. Different kinds of uniforms
   - C. Clothes for school
   - D. The best schools

DETAIL

2. In which country are uniforms not very common?
   - A. Germany
   - B. France
   - C. The United States
   - D. All of the above

3. Why do some people say uniforms are important?
   - A. They don't let students express themselves.
   - B. They help students study better.
   - C. They aren't common.
   - D. They look nicer than ordinary clothes.

4. Why don't some people like uniforms?
   - A. They're too expensive.
   - B. They're different at every school.
   - C. They aren't used in all countries.
   - D. They aren't attractive.

5. Why do some students make changes to their uniforms?
   - A. They want to be fashionable.
   - B. Their uniforms aren't comfortable.
   - C. They want to attend a different school.
   - D. Their uniforms are too small.

INFERENCE

6. People who like uniforms believe it's important to
   - A. look attractive.
   - B. be fashionable.
   - C. attend the best school.
   - D. follow rules.

LIVEWORKSHEETS