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## Level 5

### Parents anger at \$730 Armani school uniforms

11th February, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180111-designer-uniform-5.html>

Parents of an elementary school are angry at the \$730 price of their child's school uniform. A public elementary school in Tokyo has decided its new school uniforms will be designed by the luxury designer Armani. The special uniforms include a hat and bag. It all costs ¥80,000 (\$730). Parents are angry at the school's decision. They are protesting at the exorbitant price of the uniform. The school said it wanted a uniform that represented the rich area around the school. School officials visited department stores and asked the fashion brand Armani to design the uniform.

The uniform has created a fuss. It has been discussed in Japan's parliament. One lawmaker said that since the school is public, "a certain price range needs to be considered". Japan's finance minister said: "Clearly it's expensive. It would be tough if a student could not afford to pay." Japan's education minister said the financial burden on parents for uniforms should not be too high. Twitter users said children are not interested in designer clothes. The school principal accepted the criticism and said: "I will go on explaining carefully to those concerned."

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/02/09/national/armani-parents-question-pricey-uniforms-public-school-tokyos-ginza-district/>  
<https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2018/02/9c114d1cc230-armani-uniform-at-public-elementary-school-spurs-parents-complaints.html>  
<https://www.vogue.com.au/fashion/news/this-primary-school-in-japan-is-forcing-children-to-wear-armani-uniforms-every-day/news-story/eb02490f9d591f3b62ef607c098ea83a>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. public                            | a. decision             |
| 2. designed by the                   | b. department stores    |
| 3. The special uniforms include      | c. elementary school    |
| 4. Parents are angry at the school's | d. brand Armani         |
| 5. the exorbitant                    | e. a hat and bag        |
| 6. the rich area                     | f. luxury designer      |
| 7. School officials visited          | g. price of the uniform |
| 8. asked the fashion                 | h. around the school    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The uniform has created a         | a. criticism           |
| 2. a certain price range needs to    | b. fuss                |
| 3. a student could not               | c. carefully           |
| 4. Japan's education                 | d. afford to pay       |
| 5. the financial burden              | e. in designer clothes |
| 6. children are not interested       | f. on parents          |
| 7. The school principal accepted the | g. be considered       |
| 8. I will go on explaining           | h. minister            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Parents of an elementary school (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the \$730 price of their child's school uniform. A public elementary school in Tokyo has decided its new school uniforms will be designed by (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Armani. The special uniforms (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and bag. It all costs ¥80,000 (\$730). Parents are angry at the school's decision. They are protesting at the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the uniform. The school said it wanted a uniform that represented the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the school. School officials visited department stores and asked the fashion brand Armani to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The uniform has (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It has been discussed in Japan's parliament. One lawmaker said that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ is public, "a certain price range needs to be considered". Japan's finance minister said: "Clearly it's expensive. It (9) \_\_\_\_\_ if a student could not afford to pay." Japan's education minister said (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on parents for uniforms should not be too high. Twitter users said children are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ designer clothes. The school principal accepted the criticism and said: "I will go on explaining carefully (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SCHOOL UNIFORMS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180111-designer-uniform-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school uniforms in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

