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Parents anger at \$730 Armani school uniforms

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THE READING

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Elementary school parents are angry at the price of their child's school uniform. The Tokyo school decided the luxury designer Armani would design its new school uniforms. The uniforms include a hat and bag and cost ¥80,000 (\$730). Parents are protesting at the very high price. School officials said they wanted a uniform that reflected the rich area around the school. They visited department stores and asked Armani to design the uniform.

The uniform price has been discussed in Japan's parliament. A lawmaker said that since the school is public, "a certain price range" is needed. Japan's finance minister said it was expensive and would be a problem if parents could not pay. Japan's education minister said the financial burden on parents should not be too high. The school principal accepted the criticism. He 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/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. school parents are | a. around the school |
| 2. the luxury designer | b. angry |
| 3. Armani would design | c. stores |
| 4. The uniforms include | d. its new school uniforms |
| 5. Parents are protesting | e. a hat and bag |
| 6. reflected the rich area | f. uniform |
| 7. department | g. Armani |
| 8. design the | h. at the very high price |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. discussed in Japan's | a. on parents |
| 2. the school is | b. range |
| 3. a certain price | c. carefully |
| 4. a problem if parents | d. public |
| 5. Japan's education | e. criticism |
| 6. the financial burden | f. parliament |
| 7. The school principal accepted the | g. minister |
| 8. I will go on explaining | h. could not pay |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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

Elementary school parents (1) _____ the price of their child's school uniform. The Tokyo school decided (2) _____

Armani would (3) _____ school uniforms. The uniforms include a hat and bag and cost ¥80,000 (\$730). Parents are protesting at the (4) _____. School officials said they wanted a uniform that reflected (5) _____ around the school. They visited department (6) _____ Armani to design the uniform.

The uniform (7) _____ discussed in Japan's parliament. A lawmaker said that since the school is public, "a (8) _____" is needed. Japan's (9) _____ it was expensive and would be a problem if parents (10) _____. Japan's education minister said the financial burden on parents should not (11) _____. The school principal accepted the criticism. He said: "I will go on explaining carefully (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **school uniforms** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
