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Parents anger at \$730 Armani school uniforms

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THE ARTICLE

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Parents of a Tokyo elementary school are up in arms at being asked to pay \$730 for their child's school uniform. A public elementary school in Tokyo's upmarket Ginza district has decided to adopt new school uniforms designed by the luxury Italian designer Armani. The bespoke uniforms, which include a hat and bag, are priced at over ¥80,000 (\$730) each. Parents are angry at the school's decision and are protesting at what they view as the exorbitant price for a uniform of an eight-year-old child. The school said it wanted a designer uniform that represented the rich area of Ginza. School officials visited top department stores and decided to ask the fashion brand Armani to design the uniform.

The expensive uniform has created such a fuss that it has been discussed in Japan's parliament. One lawmaker said that since the school is public and not private, "a certain price range needs to be considered". Finance Minister Taro Aso said: "Clearly it's expensive. It would be tough if a student could not afford to pay for it." Japan's education minister said steps would be taken to ensure the financial burden placed on parents for uniforms, "would not be excessive". Twitter users said young children are not interested in designer clothes. The school principal said: "With humility, I take the criticism that the explanation has been insufficient and not well-timed. 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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<https://www.vogue.com.au/fashion/news/this-primary-school-in-japan-is-forcing-children-to-wear-armani-uniforms-every-day/news-story/eb02490f9d591f3b62ef607c098ea83a>

WARM-UPS

1. SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about school uniforms. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

parents / elementary school / school uniform / luxury / designer / eight-year-old / expensive / fuss / price range / tough / education / humility / criticism / explaining

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CHEAP: Students A **strongly** believe schools should choose the cheapest school uniforms; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. UNIFORMS: What are the good and bad points about these uniforms? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Points	Bad Points
School uniforms		
Police uniforms		
Military uniforms		
Nurse uniforms		
Restaurant uniforms		
Flight attendant uniforms		

5. BRAND: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "brand". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. EXPENSIVE: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that shouldn't be expensive at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- school uniforms
- Internet access
- housing
- chocolate
- cosmetics
- weddings
- pets
- education

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. up in arms | a. Take up or start to use or follow an idea, method, or course of action. |
| 2. upmarket | b. Very, very angry. |
| 3. adopt | c. The state of great comfort and extravagant living. |
| 4. luxury | d. Of a price or amount that is unreasonably high. |
| 5. exorbitant | e. Very expensive and designed to appeal to richer customers. |
| 6. represented | f. A type of product manufactured by a particular company under a particular name. |
| 7. brand | g. Was a symbol of a particular quality or thing. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. fuss | h. The area of variation between upper and lower limits on a particular scale. |
| 9. range | i. More than is necessary, normal, or desirable. |
| 10. tough | j. A display or show of unnecessary or excessive excitement, activity, or interest. |
| 11. burden | k. Involving considerable difficulty or hardship; requiring great determination or effort. |
| 12. excessive | l. A low view of one's own importance. |
| 13. humility | m. The main responsibility for achieving a specified aim or task. |
| 14. insufficient | n. Not enough; inadequate. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A high school in Tokyo wants parents to buy \$730 uniforms. **T / F**
- b. The school asked the Italian designer Armani to design the uniforms. **T / F**
- c. The uniform's price includes the school bag and a hat. **T / F**
- d. School officials went to department stores to look for a uniform. **T / F**
- e. The school uniform's price has been discussed by Japan's government. **T / F**
- f. Japan's Finance Minister said the uniform's price was not expensive. **T / F**
- g. The article said a Twitter user said children love designer clothes. **T / F**
- h. The school principal has said there is no more talking to be done. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. up in arms | a. excessively high |
| 2. upmarket | b. too much |
| 3. bespoke | c. thought about |
| 4. exorbitant | d. exclusive |
| 5. represented | e. difficult |
| 6. fuss | f. symbolized |
| 7. considered | g. angry |
| 8. tough | h. too little |
| 9. excessive | i. hoo-ha |
| 10. insufficient | j. custom-made |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Parents of a Tokyo elementary school are up | a. to pay for it |
| 2. A public elementary school in Tokyo's | b. brand Armani |
| 3. Parents are angry at the school's | c. the exorbitant price |
| 4. what they view as | d. been insufficient |
| 5. the fashion | e. upmarket Ginza |
| 6. The expensive uniform has created | f. on parents |
| 7. a certain price | g. in arms |
| 8. tough if a student could not afford | h. such a fuss |
| 9. the financial burden placed | i. decision |
| 10. I take the criticism that the explanation has | j. range |

GAP FILL

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luxury
exorbitant
protesting
arms
brand
priced
represented
district

The expensive uniform has created such a (9) _____ that it has been discussed in Japan's parliament. One lawmaker said that since the school is public and not private, "a certain price (10) _____ needs to be considered". Finance Minister Taro Aso said: "Clearly it's expensive. It would be (11) _____ if a student could not afford to pay for it." Japan's education minister said (12) _____ would be taken to ensure the financial (13) _____ placed on parents for uniforms, "would not be (14) _____ ". Twitter users said young children are not interested in designer clothes. The school principal said: "With (15) _____, I take the criticism that the explanation has been (16) _____ and not well-timed. I will go on explaining carefully to those concerned."

excessive
tough
fuss
insufficient
burden
range
humility
steps

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Parents of a Tokyo elementary school are _____
 - a. up in arms
 - b. up in legs
 - c. up in ears
 - d. up in eyes
- 2) A public elementary school in Tokyo's _____
 - a. upmarket Ginza
 - b. marketing Ginza
 - c. marketer Ginza
 - d. marketed Ginza
- 3) bespoke uniforms, which include a hat and bag, are priced at over ¥80,000 _____
 - a. (\$730) beach
 - b. (\$730) peach
 - c. (\$730) each
 - d. (\$730) reach
- 4) angry at the school's decision and are protesting at what they view as the _____
 - a. export ant price
 - b. exhort buoyant price
 - c. exorbitant price
 - d. ex-orbital price
- 5) School officials visited top department stores and decided to ask the _____
 - a. fashion bland
 - b. fashion blend
 - c. fashion brand
 - d. fashion braid
- 6) The expensive uniform has created _____
 - a. such a fussy
 - b. such a fussed
 - c. such a fuss
 - d. such a fuse
- 7) since the school is public and not private, a certain price range needs _____
 - a. to be consider
 - b. to be considered
 - c. to be considering
 - d. to be considerable
- 8) It would be tough if a student could not _____ for it
 - a. afford toupee
 - b. afford troop pay
 - c. a ford top pay
 - d. afford to pay
- 9) Japan's education minister said steps would be taken to ensure the _____
 - a. financial burden
 - b. financial bird on
 - c. financial burr den
 - d. financial bird den
- 10) The school principal said: "With humility, I _____"
 - a. take the eroticism
 - b. take the exorcism
 - c. take the critic schism
 - d. take the criticism

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What term did the article use to describe the parents' anger?
2. In what area of Tokyo is the elementary school?
3. What did the article say the uniform's price included?
4. Why does the school want such an expensive uniform?
5. What kind of shops did school officials visit to look for a uniform?
6. Where has the school uniform's price been discussed?
7. Who said the price of the uniform was clearly expensive?
8. What burden on parents did Japan's education minister talk about?
9. Who said young children aren't interested in designer clothes?
10. What did the school principal say he would go on doing?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What term did the article use to describe the parents' anger?
 - a) fists flying
 - b) all elbows and knees
 - c) up in arms
 - d) cost an arm and a leg
- 2) In what area of Tokyo is the elementary school?
 - a) Ginza
 - b) Shibuya
 - c) Akihabara
 - d) Harajuku
- 3) What did the article say the uniform's price included?
 - a) an Armani autograph
 - b) a hat and bag
 - c) tax
 - d) underwear
- 4) Why does the school want such an expensive uniform?
 - a) the parents want it
 - b) to increase grades
 - c) students love designer clothes
 - d) it represents the rich area
- 5) What kind of shops did school officials visit to look for a uniform?
 - a) tailors
 - b) souvenir shops
 - c) department stores
 - d) uniform shops
- 6) Where has the school uniform's price been discussed?
 - a) online
 - b) Japan's parliament
 - c) in Armani's factory
 - d) on the streets
- 7) Who said the price of the uniform was clearly expensive?
 - a) an 8-year-old student
 - b) Armani's boss
 - c) Japan's education minister
 - d) Japan's finance minister
- 8) What burden on parents did Japan's education minister talk about?
 - a) a heavy burden
 - b) the financial burden
 - c) the burden of proof
 - d) the burden of truth
- 9) Who said young children aren't interested in designer clothes?
 - a) Armani's boss
 - b) Twitter users
 - c) young children
 - d) parents
- 10) What did the school principal say he would go on doing?
 - a) explaining
 - b) looking for a cheaper uniform
 - c) teaching
 - d) criticizing

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – School Uniforms

You think school uniforms should never be expensive. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it is OK for their things to be expensive. Also, tell the others which of these can be very expensive (and why): Internet access, cosmetics or weddings.

Role B – Internet Access

You think Internet access should never be expensive. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it is OK for their things to be expensive. Also, tell the others which of these can be very expensive (and why): school uniforms, cosmetics or weddings.

Role C – Cosmetics

You think cosmetics should never be expensive. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it is OK for their things to be expensive. Also, tell the others which of these can be very expensive (and why): Internet access, school uniforms or weddings.

Role D – Weddings

You think weddings should never be expensive. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why it is OK for their things to be expensive. Also, tell the others which of these can be very expensive (and why): Internet access, cosmetics or school uniforms.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'school' and 'uniform'.

school	uniform

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• arms• district• priced• angry• area• ask	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fuss• since• tough• burden• humility• carefully
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SCHOOL UNIFORMS SURVEY

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

SCHOOL UNIFORMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'brand'?
3. What was your school uniform like?
4. Why do people wear uniforms?
5. What do you think of luxury brands?
6. What was the last thing you were up in arms about?
7. What do you think of the price of the Ginza school's uniform?
8. What does the adjective 'uniform' mean?
9. Should the uniform reflect the wealth of the upmarket area of Ginza?
10. What advice do you have for the parents?

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'uniform'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do schoolchildren need to wear uniforms?
15. Do you understand the fuss being made?
16. What happens if parents cannot afford the expensive uniforms?
17. How interested are you in designer fashion?
18. What would you do if your child was a student at the school?
19. What are the bad things about uniforms?
20. What questions would you like to ask the school principal?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) up | (b) over | (c) throw | (d) two |
| 2. | (a) marketing | (b) market | (c) upmarket | (d) mark it |
| 3. | (a) spoke | (b) spoken | (c) bespoke | (d) bespeak |
| 4. | (a) expectant | (b) extant | (c) exporting | (d) exorbitant |
| 5. | (a) represents | (b) representation | (c) represented | (d) represent |
| 6. | (a) assign | (b) design | (c) resign | (d) insignia |
| 7. | (a) puss | (b) fuss | (c) cuss | (d) buss |
| 8. | (a) then | (b) since | (c) always | (d) such |
| 9. | (a) trough | (b) though | (c) tough | (d) thorough |
| 10. | (a) branding | (b) bidding | (c) embolden | (d) burden |
| 11. | (a) limiting | (b) humming | (c) familiarity | (d) humility |
| 12. | (a) voice | (b) see | (c) come | (d) go |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Tokyo's upmarket Ginza sictritd
2. the ruuxyl Italian designer
3. The osepekb uniforms
4. angry at the school's oncesdii
5. the tnoaxietbr price for a uniform
6. School fociliafs

Paragraph 2

7. discussed in Japan's ameirapltn
8. It would be tuhgo
9. uniforms would not be eixvecses
10. I take the smcctiir
11. the explanation has been untcsfiiefni
12. explaining carefully to those nencrdceo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () adopt new school uniforms designed by the luxury Italian designer Armani. The bespoke uniforms,
- () afford to pay for it." Japan's education minister said steps would be taken to ensure the financial burden placed
- () at the school's decision and are protesting at what they view as the exorbitant price for a uniform of an eight-year-old
- (**1**) Parents of a Tokyo elementary school are up in arms at being asked to pay \$730 for their child's
- () school uniform. A public elementary school in Tokyo's upmarket Ginza district has decided to
- () interested in designer clothes. The school principal said: "With humility, I take the criticism that the explanation has
- () which include a hat and bag, are priced at over ¥80,000 (\$730) each. Parents are angry
- () The expensive uniform has created such a fuss that it has been discussed in Japan's
- () parliament. One lawmaker said that since the school is public and not private, "a certain price range needs to be
- () child. The school said it wanted a designer uniform that represented the rich area
- () of Ginza. School officials visited top department stores and decided to ask the fashion brand Armani to design the uniform.
- () considered". Finance Minister Taro Aso said: "Clearly it's expensive. It would be tough if a student could not
- () been insufficient and not well-timed. I will go on explaining carefully to those concerned."
- () on parents for uniforms, "would not be excessive". Twitter users said young children are not

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a up are of school arms . Parents elementary in Tokyo
2. designed designer . Italian by School uniforms the luxury
3. decision . Parents angry are the school's at
4. rich that A represented designer uniform the area .
5. School visited top department and officials decided . stores
6. created uniform expensive has a The such fuss .
7. considered . range be needs price certain A to
8. afford student not pay it . A to for could
9. in are children designer Young interested clothes . not
10. insufficient . that the explanation has Criticism been

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Parents of a Tokyo elementary school are up in *legs / arms* at being asked to pay \$730 for their child's school uniform. A public elementary school in Tokyo's *upmarket / marketing* Ginza district has decided to adopt new school uniforms designed by the luxury Italian *designer / designs* Armani. The *bespoke / spoken* uniforms, which include a hat and bag, are *priced / price* at over ¥80,000 (\$730) each. Parents are angry at the school's *decide / decision* and are protesting at what they *viewing / view* as the exorbitant price for a uniform of an eight-year-old child. The school said it wanted a designer uniform that *replanted / represented* the rich area of Ginza. School officials visited *bottom / top* department stores and decided to *order / ask* the fashion brand Armani to design the uniform.

The expensive uniform has created such a *fuss / puss* that it has been discussed in Japan's parliament. One lawmaker said that *for / since* the school is public and not private, "a *certain / certainly* price range needs to be considered". Finance Minister Taro Aso said: "*Clearly / Clear* it's expensive. It would be tough if a student could not *effort / afford* to pay for it." Japan's education minister said steps would be taken to *sure / ensure* the financial burden placed on parents for uniforms, "would not be *excessive / recession*". Twitter users said young children are not interested *in / on* designer clothes. The school principal said: "With *humility / humidity*, I take the criticism that the explanation has been insufficient and not well-timed. I will go on explaining carefully to those *cornered / concerned*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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P_r_n_t_s _f_ _T_k_y_ _l_m_n_t_r_y _s_c_h__l__r__p__n
_r_m_s _t_ b__n_g _s_k_d _t_ p_y \$730 _f_r_ th__r
c_h_l_d'_s _s_c_h__l__n_f_r_m. A _p_b_l_c_ _l_m_n_t_r_y
_s_c_h__l__n_ T_k_y_'s _p_m_r_k_t_ G_n_z_ _d_s_t_r_c_t
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m_n_. Th_ b_s_p_k_ _n_f_r_m_s, _w_h_c_h_ _n_c_l_d_ _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

parents of a tokyo elementary school are up in arms at being asked to pay 730 for their childs school uniform a public elementary school in tokyos upmarket ginza district has decided to adopt new school uniforms designed by the luxury italian designer armani the bespoke uniforms which include a hat and bag are priced at over 80000 730 each parents are angry at the schools decision and are protesting at what they view as the exorbitant price for a uniform of an eightyyearold child the school said it wanted a designer uniform that represented the rich area of ginza school officials visited top department stores and decided to ask the fashion brand armani to design the uniform

the expensive uniform has created such a fuss that it has been discussed in japans parliament one lawmaker said that since the school is public and not private a certain price range needs to be considered finance minister taro aso said clearly its expensive it would be tough if a student could not afford to pay for it japans education minister said steps would be taken to ensure the financial burden placed on parents for uniforms would not be excessive twitter users said young children are not interested in designer clothes the school principal said with humility i take the criticism that the explanation has been insufficient and not welltimed i will go on explaining carefully to those concerned"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Parents of a Tokyo elementary school are up in arms at being asked to pay \$730 for their child's school uniform. A public elementary school in Tokyo's upmarket Ginza district has decided to adopt new school uniforms designed by the luxury Italian designer Armani. The bespoke uniforms, which include a hat and bag, are priced at over ¥80,000 (\$730) each. Parents are angry at the school's decision and are protesting at what they view as the exorbitant price for a uniform of an eight-year-old child. The school said it wanted a designer uniform that represented the rich area of Ginza. School officials visited top department stores and decided to ask the fashion brand Armani to design the uniform. The expensive uniform has created such a fuss that it has been discussed in Japan's parliament. One lawmaker said that since the school is public and not private, "a certain price range needs to be considered". Finance Minister Taro Aso said: "Clearly it's expensive. It would be tough if a student could not afford to pay for it." Japan's education ministers said steps would be taken to ensure the financial burden placed on parents for uniforms, "would not be excessive". Twitter user said young children are not interested in designer clothes. The school principal said: "With humility, I take the criticism that the explanation has been insufficient and not well-timed. I will go on explaining carefully to those concerned."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Make a poster about school uniforms. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DESIGNER BRANDS: Write a magazine article about all school uniforms being from designer brands. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on school uniforms. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on school uniforms. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. up in arms | a. angry |
| 2. upmarket | b. exclusive |
| 3. bespoke | c. custom-made |
| 4. exorbitant | d. excessively high |
| 5. represented | e. symbolized |
| 6. fuss | f. hoo-ha |
| 7. considered | g. thought about |
| 8. tough | h. difficult |
| 9. excessive | i. too much |
| 10. insufficient | j. too little |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Up in arms
- Ginza
- A bag and hat
- It represents the rich area
- Department stores
- Japan's parliament
- Japan's finance minister
- The financial burden
- Twitter users
- Explaining

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Parents of a Tokyo elementary school are up in arms.
- School uniforms designed by the luxury Italian designer.
- Parents are angry at the school's decision.
- A designer uniform that represented the rich area.
- School officials visited top department stores and decided.
- The expensive uniform has created such a fuss.
- A certain price range needs to be considered.
- A student could not afford to pay for it.
- Young children are not interested in designer clothes.
- Criticism that the explanation has been insufficient.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)