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SPEAKING – WARM UP

What is a student uniform? Think of three things you know about student uniforms. Go round the room swapping details with others.

LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

1) The article – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

2) The article - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

3) Article quiz - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A questions

- 1) Name the countries.
- 2) What does 'batting an eyelid' mean?
- 3) What is 'Punk rock'?
- 4) What is the difference between 'a university' and 'a college'?
- 5) What does 'reprimanded' mean?

Student B questions

- 1) What are 'Tesco' and 'Nike'?
- 2) What is 'student etiquette'?
- 3) What is 'a hemline'?
- 4) Explain the phrase 'installs a form of discipline'.
- 5) Who would laugh at what?

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WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs. On the board write as many words about the **'Student uniforms?'** *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs choose three advantages of student uniform. Write them below. Talk about them!

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Add three disadvantages of school uniform. Talk about them!

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings to the class.

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - Student A thinks school uniforms is important. *Student B* disagrees! *3 mins.*

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Does a school uniform policy increase the school pride and create a sense of community?
- 2) Does a school uniform policy hinder an individual student's self-expression, creativity and/or their personality?
- 3) Would implementing a school uniform policy be financially beneficial for parents?
- 4) Will a school uniform policy address the issues of 'fitting in' by wearing specific clothing brands?
- 5) Did you wear a uniform at school?
- 6) Do students wear uniforms to college or university in your country?
- 7) Did you have to wear a particular school sports kit while at school?
- 8) What was your school's attitude to student uniform?
- 9) Were you ever sent home for wearing an incorrect uniform?
- 10) Would you like to wear a uniform to college or university? Explain.

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

In groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *School uniforms.*

- 1) Someone at college.
- 2) Someone at school.
- 3) Someone at university.
- 4) A head teacher.

The teacher will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

Prepare a 3-5 minute presentation on

**Student uniform – a good or bad idea?
Why?**

Google it if necessary!

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Would school uniforms promote a sense of security?
- 2) Would a school uniform minimize disruptions and distractions leading to a better learning environment?
- 3) Do school uniforms promote positive student behaviour?
- 4) Should the selection of uniform colours be schoolwide or by grade level?
- 5) Would wearing a school uniform make a student feel safe in school?
- 6) Why do private schools wear uniforms?
- 7) Does wearing a uniform reduce the difference between rich and poor?
- 8) How does religion affect a student's uniform?
- 9) Is it right that schoolchildren should go to school without wearing a uniform?
- 10) Was/Is your school strict on student uniform? Explain.

GAP FILL: READING

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GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

WRITING/SPELLING

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WRITING / SPEAKING

1) On the board - *In pairs/As a class*, list 10 places to retire to. Add 10 things you might do in your retirement. Talk about each of them. *3-5 minutes*.

2) Sentence starters - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) Student uniforms _____
- 2) When I was at school _____
- 3) I think _____

3) Write down 50 words about: *Student Uniforms*. Your words can be read out in class.

4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***Student Uniforms***. Your email can be read out in class.

SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) uniforms
- 2) college
- 3) university
- 4) wear
- 5) determine
- 6) whether
- 7) discipline
- 8) valuable
- 9) skirt
- 10) hemline

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) issue
- 12) hairstyles
- 13) lack
- 14) etiquette
- 15) expensive
- 16) Philippines
- 17) simply
- 18) laugh
- 19) difference
- 20) perspectives

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