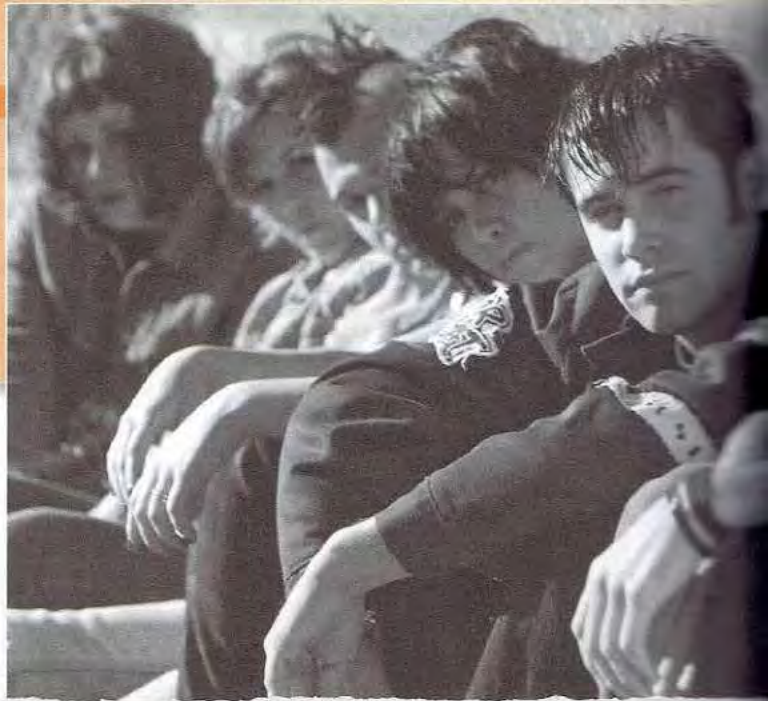


School Clothes



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

MORBEGNO, ITALY ¹Students at a high school near Milan were coming to class in old blue jeans with holes in the **knees**. Some of them had wild **pink** hair and nose rings. ²The **principal**, Mr. Magon, was **not at all** happy. He did not want students to wear **uniforms**, but he wanted to bring some **order** to the school. ³He sent a letter home to all **parents**. “We are going to **punish** students,” he wrote, “who do not dress **suitably**.”

⁴The parents met and **discussed** the school’s letter. They were angry—not at their children, but at the principal! ⁵They **warned** Magon that they would take him to **court**. “Our children must be free to wear what they want at school,” they **argued**.

⁶Magon was very surprised. “Some clothes are not right for school. I really thought that the parents would agree with me.”

NEW WORDS

knee <i>n</i>	principal <i>n</i>	uniform <i>n</i>	parent <i>n</i>	suitably <i>adv</i>	warn <i>v</i>	argue <i>v</i>
pink <i>adj</i>	not at all <i>adv</i>	order <i>n</i>	punish <i>v</i>	discuss <i>v</i>	court <i>n</i>	

>> See Glossary on page 89. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an **X**.

Not at All A Lot

1
 2
 3
 4
 5

3. Check your comprehension

Correct five more mistakes in the story summary. The first one is done for you.

Students at a ~~hospital~~^{school} in Italy were coming to class in old clothes. Some had wild hair and nose rings. The principal was not at all happy. He sent a book home to all the parents. He said that the school would punish teachers who did not dress suitably. The parents were happy. "Our children must be free to say what they want," they argued. The principal was pleased.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- The principal was not ___ all happy with students' wild p___ hair.
- He wanted to bring or___ to his school.
- He wa___ parents that students must dress sui_____.
- The parents said they would take the principal to c_____.

5. Listen to the story track 6

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What didn't the principal like?
- What did he write to the parents?
- How did the parents reply?
- Do you agree with the principal or the parents? Why?

About you...

- What do you wear to school?
- Which clothes are better for school—jeans or uniforms? Why?
- What do your parents think about your hair and clothes?
- What are the wildest clothes you have?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

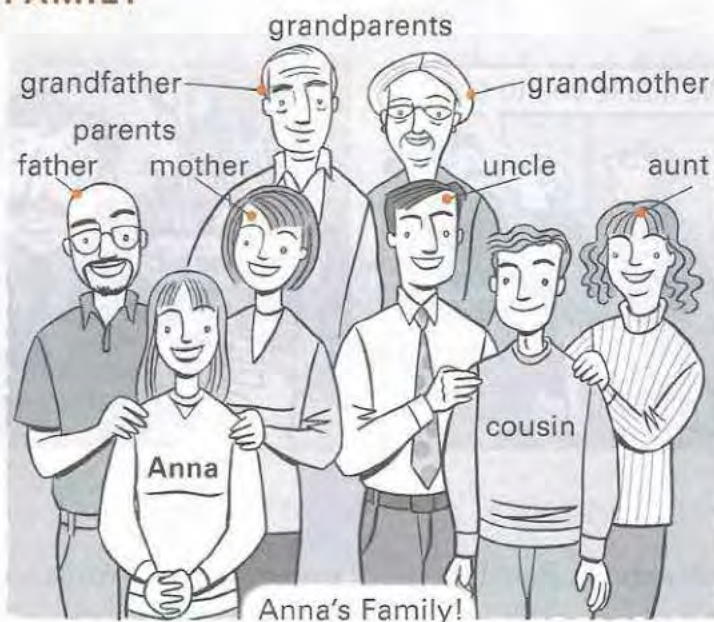
DISCUSS			
discuss	a letter	(with someone)	The parents discussed the school's letter.
	a book		<i>We discussed the book.</i>
	a movie		<i>I discussed the movie Spider-Man with my sister.</i>
	a problem		<i>Bill discussed the problem with his teacher.</i>
	an idea		<i>I like to discuss interesting ideas.</i>

- In class, we often discuss _____ or _____.
- I like to discuss _____ my friends.
- I discussed the movie _____ with _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

FAMILY



- I talk like my _____.
- I look like my _____.
- I want to see my _____ more often.

10. Take a dictation track 7

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

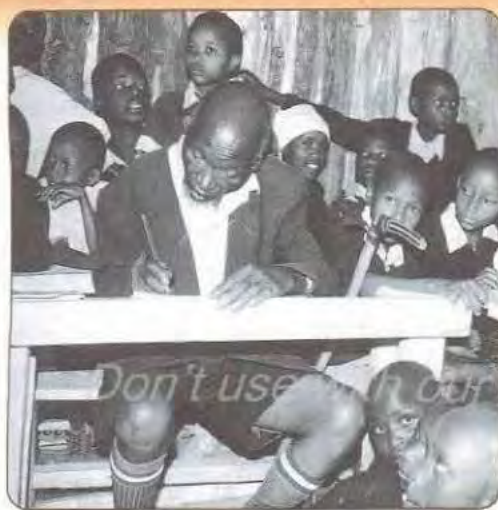
Use the words from the box to complete the story.

grandfather uniform principal
discusses knees parents

Grandfather Gets First School Uniform

ELDORET, KENYA Kimani Maruge, 84, is going to school for the first time. Maruge is a (1) _____ who has gray hair and who cannot see too well. Most of the students in his class are six years old.

"I thought it was a joke* at first," the school (2) _____ said. "What a surprise when he arrived on the first day of school and said that he wanted to begin first grade." Maruge was wearing short blue pants above his (3) _____, just like the children.



Maruge helps the other students, and tells them to work hard at school and listen to their (4) _____. He also (5) _____ Kenya's history** with them. "He's like a history book," says his teacher.

Maruge wants to write a book, but first he wants to learn to read. He is the perfect student, says the principal. "He never comes to school late. He wears his (6) _____. And he always obeys*** us."

*joke: something that you do or say to make people laugh

**history: all the things that happened in the past

***obeys: does what someone tells him to do



Talk about the stories

Imagine that you and a partner are one of the Italian students and Kimani Maruge. You are meeting for the first time. Tell each other about your life at school.