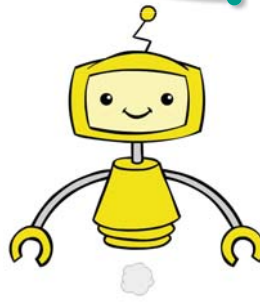


# School uniforms

Do you have a school uniform? Do you like it? In Indonesia most of the children wear a uniform! Let's have a look at what I mean.



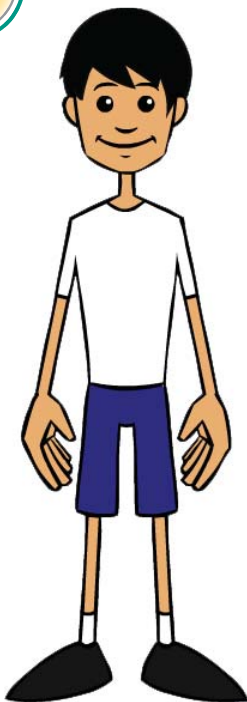
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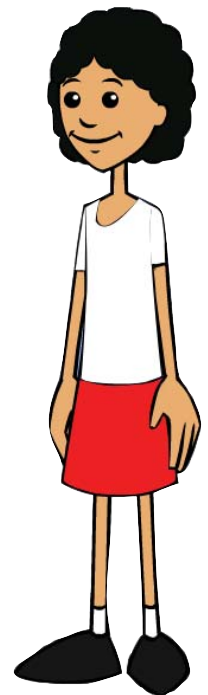


Did you notice that Peter, Anna and their friends were wearing school uniforms? In most societies around the world uniforms are worn by people in a variety of fields. Most notable are members of the military and police, emergency workers, supermarket employees and sports teams.

In many countries, school students are also required to wear a uniform. But in other countries school uniforms are not required. In this work sheet you will examine the role that uniforms play and the possible reasons why school uniforms may, or may not, be required.

In Indonesia, most schools have the same dress code, which is set by the government: white shirt and red skirt or shorts for primary schools; white shirt and navy blue skirt or shorts for junior high schools; and white shirt and blue-grey skirt or trousers for senior high school. However, there are several elite private schools that have their own uniform, such as checked motifs in different colours.

School students wear the same uniform throughout the nation. Apart from being able to distinguish schools by the identification information on the cloth badges sewn onto the sleeve of the shirts, there are no opportunities for students, or for schools, to express individuality by the way students dress.



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## Exercises

### Exercise 1

Write at least three reasons why you think people wear uniforms.

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## Exercise 2

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Most Australian schools, particularly secondary schools, have a uniform.

**If you wear a school uniform, which of the reasons in Exercise 1 do you think most apply to your school uniform? Why?**

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## Exercise 3

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Do some research on school uniforms in Australia.

**What historical reasons are there for wearing school uniforms in Australia?**

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#### Exercise 4

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Indonesian students must wear school uniforms. Do some research to find specific information about school uniforms in Indonesia.

**Write a description of Indonesian school uniforms.**

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#### Exercise 5

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**What historical reasons are there for wearing school uniforms in Indonesia?**

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## Exercise 6

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In some countries such as Indonesia, school students have a national uniform.

This means that all primary school students across the nation wear the same uniform (red and white). This also applies to all junior high students (blue and white) and to all senior high students (blue-grey and white).

In other countries, the style and colour of the uniform is determined by each individual school.

### 6.1 What advantages and disadvantages can you think of for having a national uniform such as in Indonesia?

Advantages

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Disadvantages

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**6.2 What advantages and disadvantages can you think of for having a uniform specific to an individual school?**

Advantages

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Disadvantages

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**Exercise 7** \_\_\_\_\_

**7.1 What does a national school uniform tell you about Indonesian values?**

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**7.2 Are there any instances where individual schools in Indonesia also have their own individual uniform?**

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**Exercise 8**

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**If you were living in Indonesia, how would you feel about wearing an Indonesian school uniform?**

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