Unit 1 Reading Worksheet 2

Name _____

School Uniforms in the United States

Do you wear a uniform to school? There's a big debate about school uniforms in the United States. Some people are **for** school uniforms. These people say that uniforms help students and schools, and they want school uniforms to be **mandatory**. Others are **against** the idea of school uniforms. What do you think? Read some pros and cons before you decide.

Pros

- Parents don't need to buy lots of different clothes. They spend less time and money on uniforms.
- Students aren't distracted by clothes or fashion. They can concentrate on their schoolwork.
- Students don't need to choose their clothes in the morning. They get ready for school faster.
- Uniforms help students feel equal. Rich and poor students dress **alike**.

Cons

- Students don't wear clothes that reflect their personalities. They can't be original.
- Some uniforms aren't comfortable. Uncomfortable clothing can be distracting.
- Many students don't like uniforms. Students don't learn well when they are unhappy.
- Some uniforms aren't good for very hot or very cold weather.

1 Read and complete the sentences.

against debate equal for uncomfortable uniforms

1. In the US, there is a ____debate____ about school uniforms.
2. People who are _____ uniforms think they help students.
3. Uniforms can be _____ and distracting.
4. Not all _____ are good for both hot and cold weather.
5. Some people are _____ mandatory school uniforms.
6. Uniforms can help students feel _____.

2 Read and circle *Pro* or *Con*.

1. Students can't be original. Pro (Con)
2. Students concentrate better. Pro Con
3. Parents spend less money. Pro Con
4. Uniforms can be uncomfortable. Pro Con
5. Uniforms make students feel equal. Pro Con

3 Stop and Think! Are you for or against school uniforms?

Glossary

for: in favour

mandatory: not optional; required

against: not in favour of

alike: the same

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