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School children punished over wrong trousers

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140908-school-uniform.html>

A school has apologised to over 50 students for punishing them after they wore the wrong trousers. Pupils at the school in the north of England got detention for not following school uniform rules. They spent around eight hours in a small classroom for breaking the rules. School bosses said many of the trousers were "skintight" and so they were not the right dress for school. The head teacher explained that the school was tightening its uniform rules. She said she had not expected students to wear so many different types of trousers. She admitted the school had been too strict with the students.

Parents were very angry at how the school treated their children. A mother told reporters: "[My daughter] was in that room for eight hours yesterday and she was deeply distressed." She said her daughter was not badly behaved and was punished for a pair of trousers the teachers did not like. She said her daughter's trousers were not "skintight", as the school had said. She added that her daughter lost two days' education and called the rule "ridiculous". The mother said the school sent her a letter to say students should wear black "tailored" trousers but should have been "more specific".

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2744764/School-puts-50-children-isolation-two-DAYS-term-wearing-wrong-trousers.html#ixzz3CTpFftsP>
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/more-than-50-children-put-into-detention-for-wearing-the-wrong-trousers-9715795.html>

MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140908-school-uniform.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A school has apologised | a. uniform rules |
| 2. punishing them after they | b. were "skintight" |
| 3. detention for not following school | c. wore the wrong trousers |
| 4. breaking | d. so many different types |
| 5. many of the trousers | e. strict with the students |
| 6. the school was tightening | f. to over 50 students |
| 7. she had not expected to wear | g. the rules |
| 8. the school had been too | h. its uniform rules |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. how the school treated | a. behaved |
| 2. she was deeply | b. "ridiculous |
| 3. her daughter was not badly | c. their children |
| 4. punished for a pair of trousers the | d. trousers |
| 5. her daughter lost | e. distressed |
| 6. called the rule " | f. sent her a letter |
| 7. The mother said the school | g. teachers did not like |
| 8. "tailored" | h. two days' education |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A school has apologised to over 50 students (1) _____ they wore the wrong trousers. Pupils at the school in the north of England got detention (2) _____ school uniform rules. They spent around eight hours in a small classroom (3) _____. School bosses said many of the trousers were (4) _____ they were not the right dress for school. The head teacher explained that the school was (5) _____ rules. She said she had not expected students to wear so many different types of trousers. She admitted the school (6) _____ with the students.

Parents were very angry at how (7) _____ their children. A mother told reporters: "[My daughter] was in that room for eight hours yesterday and she (8) _____." She said her daughter was not (9) _____ punished for a pair of trousers the teachers did not like. She said her daughter's trousers (10) _____, as the school had said. She added that her daughter lost two days' education and called (11) _____. The mother said the school sent her a letter to say students should wear black "tailored" trousers but should (12) _____.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about school uniform 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

