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# School Uniforms

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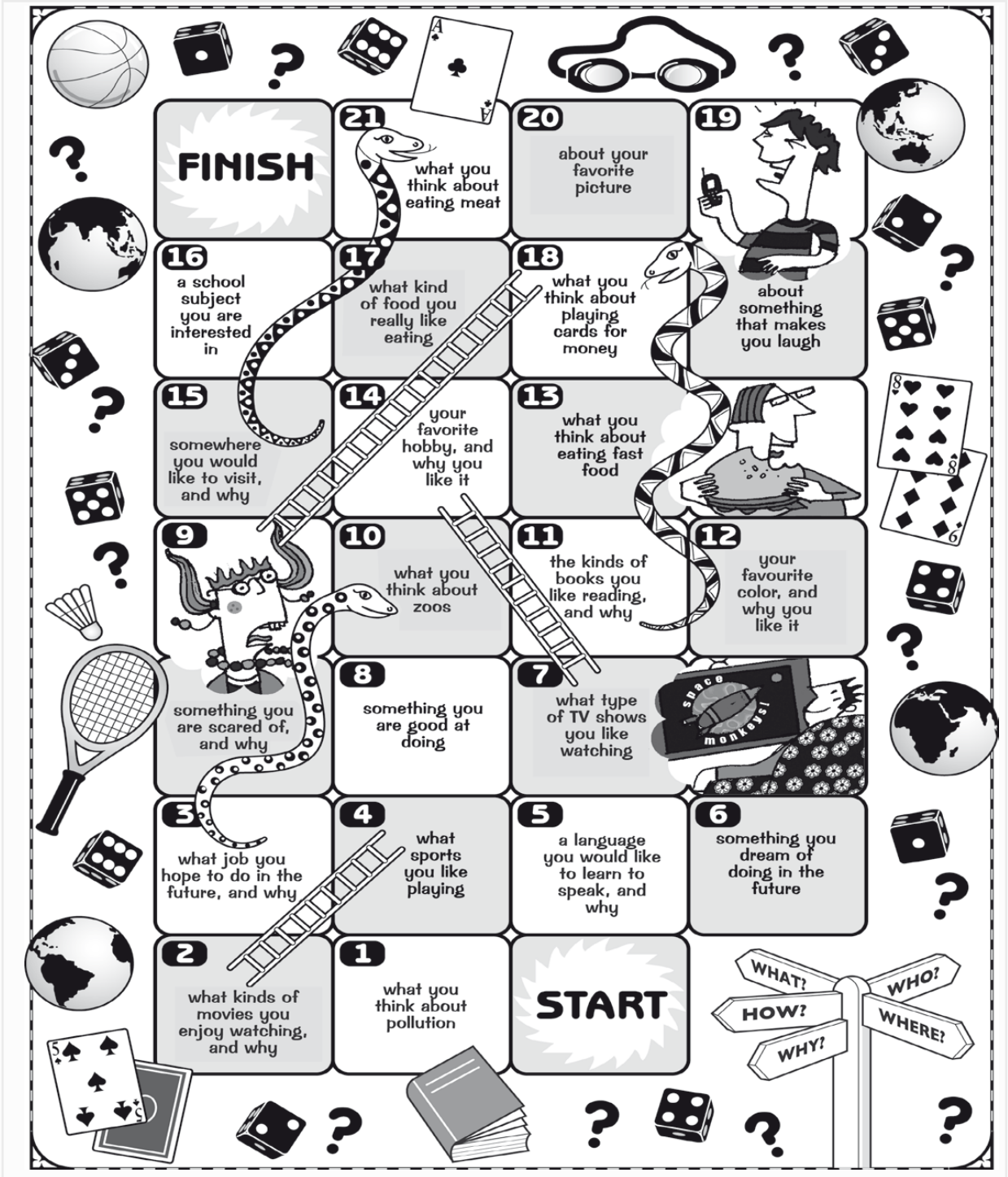
# WARM-UP SPEAKING



# INTRODUCTION: SCHOOL AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

1. Should schools focus more on academic knowledge or life skills?
2. Would you prefer a more progressive (feelings and ideas) school or a traditional (facts and discipline) one?
3. Did you wear a uniform at school? Could you describe it? Are uniforms a good idea? Why? Why not?
4. A school wants to introduce tests for kids starting at age 5. What do you think? Another school wants to remove all competition from school. What do you think?
5. Home-schooling is getting more popular. What are the pros and cons?
6. In many UK schools, girls CANNOT wear skirts - Should schools be more '**GENDER-NEUTRAL**'? Why? Why not?
7. Should corporal punishment be allowed in schools? Why? Why not?

SCROLL DOWN FOR VOCABULARY

# VOCABULARY

## THE WORDS BELOW ARE TAKEN FROM THE ARTICLE YOU'RE GOING TO READ

## CHECK THE MEANINGS AND COMPLETE THE SENTENCES - THE (CLUES) WILL HELP YOU

cater for (phr verb) ☐ scrap (verb) ☐ cite (verb) ☐ elite (adj) ☐

slam (verb) ☐ crackers (idiom) ☐ adhere to (phr verb) ☐ dumbfounded (adj) ☐

lift a ban (collocation) ☐ insist (verb) ☐

Complete the sentences using the words above. Change the form and add other words if needed.

1. To become a(n) _____ sportsman requires intense focus and hours and hours of training and coaching.
2. We _____ (REGULAR VERB) the project when costs ran out of control.
3. Many nations are now _____ (-ING FORM) on sales of marijuana. They feel the drug war has been lost.
4. My dog is a bit _____. He happily runs round in circles all day.
5. I was _____ when my 4-year old son wrote a complex algorithm on the kitchen table. What was going on?
6. The left-wing linguist, Noam Chomsky, is the most _____ (REGULAR VERB) academic in the world.
7. Our bank _____ (PRESENT SIMPLE) the elite. Clients must be able to deposit a minimum of £1mil per year.
8. I was tired after work and didn't want to go to the party but Tom _____ (REGULAR VERB).
9. The government's controversial changes to the tax system have been _____ (REGULAR VERB) by the media. They seem overcomplicated and add extra work for small businesses.
10. It's important that we _____ the rules while visiting China. We don't want any trouble.

# KEY

READY? ENLARGE YOUR SCREEN TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

1. ELITE
2. SCRAPPED
3. LIFTING THE BAN
4. CRACKERS
5. DUMBFOUNDED
6. CITED
7. CATERS FOR
8. INSISTED
9. SLAMMED
10. ADHERE TO

SCROLL DOWN FOR READING AND GRAMMAR



# READING AND GRAMMAR

Complete the text with one word in each space



## UK SCHOOL GIRLS ARE BANNED FROM WEARING SKIRTS

Girls are now banned _____ **(1)** wearing skirts at 40 high schools across England as schools introduce gender-neutral uniforms to **CATER FOR** transgender pupils.

They are following the lead of Priory School in Lewes, East Sussex, _____ **(2)** **SCRAPPED** its female uniform last September, **CITING** fears over the sexualisation of young women. It comes with news that an **ELITE** private school is bringing in make-up experts to help pupils _____ **(3)** feel anxious about their appearance. Copleston High School in Ipswich is _____ **(4)** of the schools which **INSISTS** on 'plain grey trousers', placing skirts on a list of 'unacceptable items'.

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…A majority _____ **(5)** pupils in the area now attend trousers-only schools with eight Ipswich schools instituting a gender-neutral policy.

But the move was **SLAMMED** by one parent, _____ **(6)** called it '**CRACKERS**'.

"I'm all for a school uniform policy. I think it's very important that parents work _____ **(7)** the school to make _____ **(8)** the rules **ADHERED TO**. But, I can't think of any reason why girls shouldn't wear skirts. I'm just **DUMBFOUNDED**."

Tony Smith, head of Priory School, said last year, "The reason _____ **(9)** the uniform change initially is about equality, and decency.

"Our students will all now wear a much more decent uniform and it is far _____ **(10)** likely to lead to abuse. For us, the needs and psychological health of our students is."

The school, which has 570 pupils, has also **LIFTED A BAN** on make-up for under-16s.

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SCROLL DOWN FOR WORD-BUILDING EXTENSION

# WORD-BUILDING EXTENSION

**COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE WORDS IN (BRACKETS)**

**THE BASIC WORDS ARE TAKEN FROM THE READING TASK ABOVE**

1. Some haute couture dresses look amazing but are basically _____ **(WEAR)** for ordinary women.
2. Jim has lots of experience and brings _____ **(EXPERT)** to the job.
3. We are increasingly _____ **(FEAR)** of Russia and its military plans.
4. My _____ **(ANXIOUS)** got worse as the day of my exam results got closer.
5. After a short _____ **(INTRODUCE)**, the CEO began the meeting.
6. Everyone knows the _____ **(IMPORTANT)** of a good diet for young people.
7. The police are investigating a series of _____ **(APPEAR)** of cats and dogs.
8. The cult _____ **(LEAD)** spoke aggressively to <u>their</u> _____ **(FOLLOW)** , urging them to kill "_____ **(BELIEVE)**".
9. Your behaviour was completely _____ **(ACCEPT)** and you ought to apologise.

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# OUTRO SPEAKING: DISCUSSION

DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS WITH YOUR PARTNER

**Art**

Are you good at art?
Did you learn art at school when you were a child?
What kind of art do you like?
Is art popular in your country?
Have you ever been to an art gallery?
Do you think children can benefit from going to art galleries?

**Bicycles**

Do you have a bike?
How often do you use it?
How old were you when you learned to ride a bike?
Do many people in your country using bicycles?
Do you think using bicycles should be encouraged?

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**Birthdays**

Do you usually celebrate your birthdays?

How did you celebrate your last birthday?

Which birthdays are the most important ones in your country?

Do you think children should celebrate their birthdays with a party?

**Childhood**

Did you enjoy your childhood?

What is your first memory of your childhood?

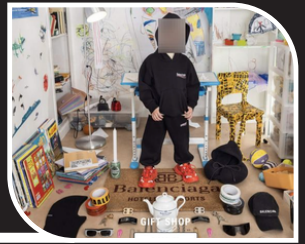
Did you have a lot of friends when you were a child?

What did you enjoy doing as a child?

Do you think it is better for children to grow up in the city or in the countryside?

# EXTRA LEARNING:

## Vocabulary + Reading “Balenciaga...”



# EXTRA LEARNING: THE BALENCIAGA SCANDAL

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amass (verb) ☐ shackle (verb + noun) ☐ eagle-eyed (adj) ☐ sinister (adj) ☐

flick (noun, slang) ☐ condemn (verb) ☐ chime in (phr verb) ☐

echelon (noun) ☐

Complete the sentences using the words above. Change the form and add other words if needed.

1. Elon Musk has _____ (PRESENT PERFECT) a huge fortune through PayPal, Tesla and Space X.
2. Sammy is very opinionated and always _____ (PRESENT SIMPLE) when I'm having a discussion with my colleague.
3. As a child, we went to the _____ (PLURAL FORM) every weekend, watching the latest Spielberg or Lucas movies.
4. The journalist uncovered a huge scandal reaching the highest _____ (PLURAL FORM) of government power.
5. Putin has ignored western _____ (NOUN FORM) of his actions in Ukraine and simply carried on as usual.
6. The missing child was spotted at the train station by a(n) _____ policeman and taken home.
7. Despite being nick-named "Uncle Joe" in the western media, Stalin had _____ plans for Poland and Eastern Europe.
8. The slaves had been _____ (PAST PERFECT) together as they were prepared for sale.

**READY? ENLARGE YOUR SCREEN TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS**

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|---|---|
| 1.AMASSED<br>2.CHIMES IN<br>3.FLICKS<br>4.ECHELONS | 5.CONDEMNATION<br>6.EAGLE-EYED<br>7.SINISTER<br>8.SHACKLED |

# READING AND GRAMMAR

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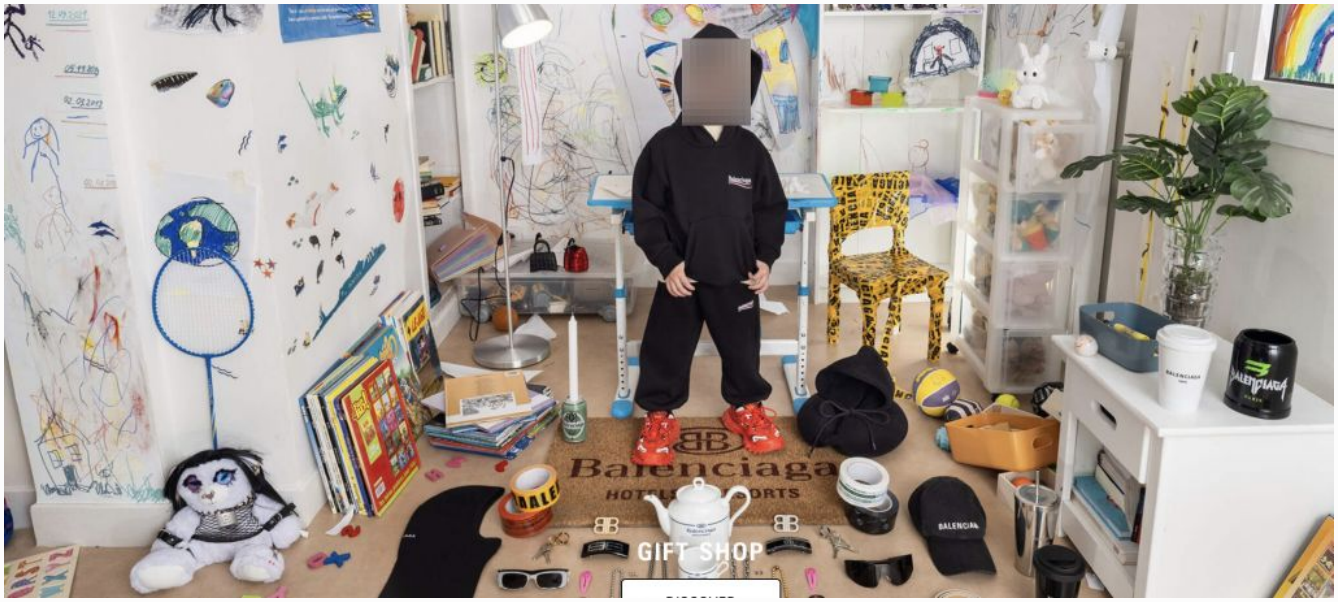


## BALENCIAGA'S 'SATANIC ADS' SCANDAL

*Wait, doesn't the devil wear Prada?* After Balenciaga's controversial commercials, some conspiracy theorists now claim to have spotted "Satanic cult" symbols _____ **(1)** the fashion house's latest, most scandalous ad campaigns.

A TikTok video describing 'demonic' imagery has **AMASSED** 3.1 million views.

The top fashion house came under pressure _____ **(2)** running a problematic campaign featuring young children modelling teddy bears **SHACKLED** in bondage gear. The ads were met _____ **(3)** criticism and allegations of normalising the sexualisation of children. **EAGLE-EYED** social media users pointed _____ **(4)** that another ad showed what appeared to be legal documents from a case regarding child pornography.

# CONTINUED...

*But do these ads also include something else equally **SINISTER**?*

The advertisements seem to contain demonic symbols including a child's drawing of the devil and a black hood - **(5)** to those worn by "Satanic cult" members.

There is also a lone candle sitting next to the kids, like a prop from an occult horror **FLICK**. On Monday, Balenciaga issued a statement saying, "We strongly **CONDEMN** child abuse."

Perhaps the **(6)** 'satanic' element is the roll of yellow Balenciaga tape with the label's name misspelled with two As, reading "Baal."

Baal was an ancient fertility god who was known **(7)** eating children. "It's a very dark company," **CHIMED IN** one commenter.

Fashion industry insiders have blamed Demna Gvasalia, Balenciaga's creative director, saying the top **ECHELON** at Balenciaga must have **(8)** what was going on.

**READY? ENLARGE YOUR SCREEN TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS**

1. IN
2. FOR / AFTER
3. WITH
4. OUT
5. SIMILAR
6. MOST
7. FOR
8. KNOWN

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