

# Unit 4

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## Using Counter Arguments

### Statement:

**Some parents and teachers think that letting kids wear what they want is a recipe for trouble. Without uniforms, they say, kids will focus on clothes instead of school work. There will be pressure to buy expensive clothes, which many families can't afford.**

### Opposing Argument:

The author states three reasons supported by facts and/or examples:

1. There will always be distractions. Kids should be encouraged and trusted to focus on their school work, or they will never learn to be responsible.
2. Uniforms are not free. If families are spending money, they should be able to choose the clothes they buy.
3. Also, uniforms interfere with self-expression. Requiring uniforms sends a message that all kids are the same. If schools want kids to be themselves, they should not force all students to dress alike.