

Select Readings, Second Edition

Elementary, Chapter 14 Test

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Skirts for the Summer?

Most schools all over the world have rules about what students can or cannot wear. These rules are called ‘dress codes.’ One young boy in England did not think his school’s dress code was fair¹, so he decided to try and change it.

Chris Whitehead, a student at Impington Village College, near Cambridge, did not agree with one of his school’s rules. The dress code at Impington does not allow boy students to wear short pants during the hot summer months. They wear long pants. However, girls are allowed to wear skirts.

Chris believes that if boys have to wear long pants during the hot summer months, they cannot think clearly and cannot learn things easily. Chris believes this will affect their ability to pass important tests and get good grades. Chris wanted to show that he did not agree with the dress code. So he decided to wear a girl’s skirt to school.

Chris wore the skirt to all his classes at the school for one whole day. He also talked to the 1,368 other students at the school during the morning assembly² about why he wore the skirt. Chris was able to wear the skirt at school because there is no rule in the dress code that says he cannot wear a skirt.

Chris’s mother was very proud³ of her son. She said, “I am very happy that Chris is doing something to show what he believes in. The school wants its students to be good leaders and talk about what they think. So I think that Chris is just doing what the school teaches him to do!”

The school says it is not going to change the rule quickly. However, the school agrees that the rule may not be fair and plans to talk about it with parents, teachers, and students. Chris knows that what he did may not achieve much, but he is still quite happy that he did it.

1. Chris Whitehead did not think the dress code was fair, so he _____.
 - A. changed schools
 - B. told students what to wear
 - C. wanted to change the rule
 - D. decided to stay home
2. At Chris’s school, boys are not allowed to wear _____.
 - A. skirts
 - B. long pants
 - C. dresses

¹ **fair** not equally good for all people

² **assembly** meeting of all students and teachers

³ **proud** happy because of what he did

- D. short pants
3. Chris wants to change the school's dress code because _____.
 - A. he doesn't want to wear a skirt
 - B. he wants boys and girls to wear the same clothes
 - C. he wants girl students to wear long pants
 - D. he doesn't like wearing long pants in summer
 4. Chris wore a skirt to school _____.
 - A. for one class
 - B. for one day
 - C. for one week
 - D. for the hot summer months
 5. Chris was able to wear a skirt to school because _____.
 - A. there was a morning assembly
 - B. there was no rule against it
 - C. it was a hot day
 - D. other students asked him to
 6. If boys have to wear long pants in the summer, Chris believes _____.
 - A. girls should wear long pants, too
 - B. the dress code is fair
 - C. they cannot do as well in school
 - D. they should not go to the morning assembly
 7. Chris's mother was happy because _____.
 - A. Chris showed what he believes in
 - B. the other students listened to Chris
 - C. the school asked Chris to wear a skirt
 - D. the school changed its dress code
 8. After Chris wore a skirt to school, the school agreed to _____.
 - A. talk about the rule with parents, teachers, and students
 - B. change the rule after the morning assembly
 - C. let girls wear long pants
 - D. let boys wear skirts
 9. Chris didn't think it was a big _____, but he was still happy in the end.
 - A. achieve
 - B. achieved
 - C. achieving
 - D. achievement
 10. All of these are true about Chris's college EXCEPT: _____.
 - A. There are more than 1,000 students.
 - B. Girls can wear skirts in the summer.
 - C. It is near Cambridge, England.
 - D. Boys can wear short pants in the summer.