

Private Schools and a New Rule

A1 Reading, Listening, Vocabulary & Grammar Worksheet

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Part 1: New Words

Read the words and their meanings.

Word	Meaning
government	the group of people who lead and control a country
private school	a school that is not run by the government; families usually pay money for it
race	a way people group humans by physical features, like skin color
fair	right and equal for everyone
admissions	the process of accepting students into a school
scholarship	money given to a student to help pay for school
leader	a person who guides or is in charge of a group
unfair	not right or not equal
affect	to cause a change in someone or something
topic	a subject that people talk or write about

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Part 2: Reading

Read the text. Listen to your teacher or use the online lesson to listen.

The government wants to change a rule for private schools in America. Some private schools give help to students because of their race. The government does not like this. The government says this is not fair.

The government wants schools to stop this. This includes help with admissions, scholarships, and other school programs.

A government leader named Scott Bessent talks about this rule. He says schools cannot hide unfair choices with nice words like “diversity” or “inclusive.” He wants all schools to follow the same rule.

This new rule can affect many schools. Some schools are unhappy about the plan. Other people agree with the government. This is an important topic in the news right now.

Part 3: Comprehension Questions

Circle the correct answer.

1. What does the government want to change?

- ☐ A) A rule for private schools
- ☐ B) A rule for hospitals
- ☐ C) A rule for banks

2. Why does the government dislike some private schools' help?

- ☐ A) It costs too much money
- ☐ B) It uses race and is unfair
- ☐ C) It is too slow

3. What programs does this include?

- ☐ A) Sports and music only
- ☐ B) Admissions, scholarships, and other school programs
- ☐ C) Only school lunches

4. Who is Scott Bessent?

- ☐ A) A government leader
- ☐ B) A school teacher
- ☐ C) A student

5. What does Bessent say schools cannot do?

- ☐ A) Open new schools
- ☐ B) Hide unfair choices with nice words
- ☐ C) Teach science

6. How do people feel about the new rule?

- ☐ A) Everyone feels the same way
- ☐ B) Some are unhappy, some agree
- ☐ C) Nobody has an opinion

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Part 4: Vocabulary Practice — Match the word to the meaning

Write the correct letter in the blank.

Word		Meaning
1. government	___	A. the group of people who lead and control a country
2. private school	___	B. a school that is not run by the government; families usually pay money for it
3. race	___	C. a person who guides or is in charge of a group
4. fair	___	D. a way people group humans by physical features, like skin color
5. admissions	___	E. to cause a change in someone or something
6. scholarship	___	F. money given to a student to help pay for school
7. leader	___	G. the process of accepting students into a school
8. unfair	___	H. not right or not equal
9. affect	___	I. right and equal for everyone
10. topic	___	J. a subject that people talk or write about

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Part 5: Synonyms (same meaning)

Circle the word with the same meaning.

1. Which word means the same as "fair"?

- ☐ A) very fast
- ☐ B) right and equal
- ☐ C) very old

2. Which word means the same as "unfair"?

- ☐ A) very nice
- ☐ B) very easy
- ☐ C) not right

3. Which word means the same as "leader"?

- ☐ A) a type of school
- ☐ B) a person in charge
- ☐ C) a kind of rule

4. Which word means the same as "topic"?

- ☐ A) a place
- ☐ B) a number
- ☐ C) a subject

5. Which word means the same as "affect"?

- ☐ A) to forget something
- ☐ B) to change something
- ☐ C) to sell something

Part 6: Antonyms (opposite meaning)

Circle the word with the opposite meaning.

1. Which word means the opposite of "fair"?

☐ A) happy

☐ B) unfair

☐ C) big

2. Which word means the opposite of "private"?

☐ A) small

☐ B) public

☐ C) new

3. Which word means the opposite of "stop"?

☐ A) run

☐ B) talk

☐ C) start

4. Which word means the opposite of "happy"?

☐ A) fast

☐ B) unhappy

☐ C) fair

5. Which word means the opposite of "agree"?

☐ A) listen

☐ B) read

☐ C) disagree

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Part 7: Grammar — Affirmative or Negative?

Circle Affirmative or Negative for each sentence.

1. "Other people agree with the government."

☐ A) Affirmative

☐ B) Negative

2. "Schools cannot hide unfair choices."

☐ A) Negative

☐ B) Affirmative

3. "The government wants to change a rule."

☐ A) Negative

☐ B) Affirmative

4. "Some schools are unhappy about the plan."

☐ A) Affirmative

☐ B) Negative

5. "The government does not like this."

☐ A) Affirmative

☐ B) Negative

Part 8: Grammar — Choose the correct form

Circle the correct Present Simple form.

1. The government ____ to change a rule.

☐ A) wants

☐ B) want

☐ C) wanting

2. Some schools ____ unhappy.

☐ A) is

☐ B) are

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3. He ____ about this rule.

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4. ____ you agree with the government?

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Part 9: Grammar — Make the question

Circle the correct question form.

1. "The government wants to change a rule."

- ☐ A) Do the government wants to change a rule?
- ☐ B) Does the government want to change a rule?
- ☐ C) Is the government want to change a rule?

2. "Bessent talks about this rule."

- ☐ A) Do Bessent talks about this rule?
- ☐ B) Is Bessent talk about this rule?
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3. "Schools follow the rule."

- ☐ A) Does schools follow the rule?
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4. "The plan affects many schools."

- ☐ A) Is the plan affect many schools?
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5. "People agree with the government."

- ☐ A) Does people agree with the government?
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Part 10: Complete the Sentence

Circle the best word to complete each sentence.

1. The ____ leads and controls the country.

☐ A) scholarship

☐ B) topic

☐ C) government

2. A ____ is money to help pay for school.

☐ A) admissions

☐ B) scholarship

☐ C) race

3. ____ is the process of accepting students into school.

☐ A) Fair

☐ B) Admissions

☐ C) Leader

4. Something that is right and equal is ____.

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☐ B) race

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5. A person who guides a group is a ____.

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Part 4: Vocabulary Matching

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3. race → D
4. fair → I
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