

## Lesson 3: Gender and Clothing

***Objective: Students will be able to explain what gender stereotypes are, and how gender-neutral clothing can help people resist these stereotypes.***

### Overview

The phrase "gender neutral" refers to something that is for all people, and not just for boys or girls. You may have seen a gender-neutral bathroom before. This means that anyone can use the bathroom, no matter their gender.

In our society, there are lots of gender stereotypes around clothing. People have strong ideas about what clothes are right for girls and boys. However, clothing can be gender-neutral, too. In this lesson, you'll learn about how gender stereotypes can be applied to clothing, and how some people are resisting these stereotypes to give kids more freedom in how they dress.

### Comprehension Questions

- What does "gender-neutral" mean, and why did the school in New Zealand change to gender-neutral uniforms?
- How can gender-neutral clothing help people resist gender stereotypes?



## Part 1: Image Analysis

**Directions:** Read the article "12 Brilliant Kids' Clothing Lines That Say No To Gender Stereotypes." Pay close attention to the images in the article. Write notes about the clothing lines in the space below.

Name of clothing line	What do you notice about the clothing in the images? What details stand out to you?



## Part 2: Create Your Own Clothing Line

**Directions:** Imagine you are going to create your own line of gender-neutral clothing.

- Draw two images of pieces of clothing that could be part of your clothing line.
- Then, write a paragraph about your clothing line (see directions on next page).

Name of clothing line: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw your clothes here (or use another piece of paper for more space):

**Clothing Item #1**

**Clothing Item #2**

**Directions:** Now, write a paragraph about your clothing line. Make sure to include:

- what is special about your clothes
- what makes your clothes gender-neutral
- why gender-neutral clothing is important.

A large rectangular area containing 20 horizontal dashed lines for writing.