

## Cosplay

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Recently, there is a growing trend of cosplay in Hong Kong, and more and more teenagers are interested in cosplay. With this in mind, I decided to talk to my classmates so as to find out the underlying reasons. My classmates' opinions on cosplay are mixed.

For the students who like cosplay, they think that it is a way for them to have fun with their friends. They can turn their favourite characters in the comic books into real ones by putting on the same clothes which the characters wear. In this way, they can make good use of their talents and creativity. Some of the students said that they were allowed room for imagination when they tried to cosplay those characters in their own way. Besides, most of the students said that they enjoyed cosplay since they could meet new friends with the same hobby and share their experiences with others. They think the growing trend of cosplay can help introduce cosplay to people who do not know much about it.

On the other hand, students who do not like cosplay think that the growing trend of cosplay brings more harm than benefits to students. They believe that students who cosplay are those who are addicted to comic books, and that is why they dress and act like comic book characters. The students do think that reading comic books is a good habit that many students commit to during their leisure time, but they worry about the consequences of being addicted to comic books. They claimed that some of the comic books carry violence. If students are addicted to the characters in these types of comic books, they may behave in a strange way in reality. Also, since most of the stories are unrealistic, students think that those who try to cosplay the comic characters are simply weird as they may blindly follow what the characters do and forget what they should or should not do in real life. Therefore, some of the students do not support the growing trend of cosplay.

In my opinion, cosplay is not a good activity for adolescents. I seldom read comic books as I think that many stories are too violent and scary, and are not worth reading. I think it is fine for teenagers to read comic books as their hobbies, but cosplay is not quite acceptable. I do understand that some teenagers love the characters so much that they want to pretend to be the characters themselves. I think they should have their own personality and not follow others. Most cosplayers I have seen before behave in a strange way and they do not care about what others

think. I believe that those cosplayers are not learning anything positive from the comic books. Therefore, I think the growing trend of cosplay will not be a good thing for most of us.

To conclude, there are students who support or are against the growing trend of cosplay. If cosplayers need respect from others, they should put themselves in others' shoes and mind their own behaviour.

**Teacher's Feedback : This piece of writing is very comprehensive with clear points.**

**However, the use of vocabulary can be further polished.**

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