

Despicable Duds

despicable adj. (*děs.pĩk'.ə.bəł*) Awful; disgraceful; pitiful; loathsome; wretched; lousy.

duds n. (*dűdz*) Informal term for clothing.

Even after thirteen years in Flint, Kenny's Alabama Momma still thought cold weather could kill you. She wrapped her children in so many layers of clothing they couldn't bend their arms. To other kids, they were the Weird Watsons doing their Mummy imitations. Joetta was soaked with sweat by the time she got to school.

Like the Watsons, most youngsters eventually find themselves in disagreement with an adult over attire. Sometimes it's about the weather, and sometimes it's not.

What is the most awful outfit you have ever been forced to wear? Organize the details of the event below and then write a narrative about your encounter with **Despicable Duds**. A photograph of the awful apparel with you in it would be a plus.

Who chose the outfit and forced you to wear it?

When were you subjected to this terrible experience? How old were you?

Why was the outfit necessary? Was it for a social event such as a wedding? Was it a costume? Were you visiting relatives or going shopping? Was the weather involved?

Describe the outfit. Don't skip even one disgusting detail.

How did you feel wearing the outfit? Did you protest and try to save yourself? How did others react to your ensemble? Did someone say you were cute?

What was the fate of the offending garb? Do you still have it or were you able to dispose of it?

What is your plan of action should you again be faced with a similar situation?

