



I HATE HOMEWORK

Warm-Up: Let's Talk About Homework

Ask and answer these questions with a partner or in small groups:

- Do you like homework? Why or why not? How much homework do you get every week?
- What helps you focus when you study? What is your favorite homework?

Part 1: A Letter from Elif.

The Situation: Read the letter below from a teenage girl named Elif from Turkey. She is writing to the AI about a problem she has with doing her homework.

Dear AI,

My name is Elif. I'm 14 years old and I live in İzmir, Turkey. I want to talk about something very serious: homework. I hate it. I know homework is important. My teachers say it helps us learn and practice. My parents say it builds discipline. Okay, fine. But why do we need so much of it?

Every day after school, I feel like a tired potato. I sit down, open my books, and boom—three hours disappear. Math problems, English writing, science questions, history reading... it never ends. I want to scream into my pillow.

I try to focus, but it's hard. My little brother is playing loud video games. My phone keeps buzzing. My cat jumps on my notebook. I write one sentence, then check my messages, then eat a snack, then forget what I was doing. It's like homework is a monster and I'm losing the battle.

Also, I miss my hobbies. I love drawing cartoons and watching funny videos. But during the week, I don't have time. I finish homework, eat dinner, and then it's bedtime. No fun. No freedom. Just school, homework, sleep, repeat.

I want to be a good student. I really do. I want to learn and get good grades. But I also want balance. I want to enjoy my teenage life before I turn into a boring adult who drinks coffee and talks about taxes.

So, dear AI, do you have any advice? How can I finish my homework faster? How can I stop hating it so much? Please help me before I become a homework zombie.

Sincerely,

Elif

Part 2: Comprehension Questions

1. Where does Elif live? _____
2. What does she say about homework? _____
3. What problems does she have while studying? _____
4. What hobbies does Elif enjoy? _____
5. What does she want from AI? _____

Part 3: True or False

1. Elif loves doing homework. T / F
2. Her cat helps her study. T / F
3. She wants to be a good student. T / F
4. Elif enjoys drawing cartoons. T / F
5. She wants advice from AI. T / F

Teacher's Key

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Tip: Use this warm-up to introduce key vocabulary (e.g., tired, boring, focus, routine). Encourage students to share real feelings—even if they say “I hate homework!” That’s okay. This builds a connection before reading Elif’s letter.

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2. How much homework do you get every week?
3. What helps you focus when you study?

Comprehension Questions

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| 1. Where does Elif live? | She lives in İzmir, Turkey. |
| 2. What does she say about homework? | She says she hates it. It’s boring, long, and stressful. |
| 3. What problems does she have while studying? | Her brother makes noise, her phone distracts her, and her cat jumps on her notebook. |
| 4. What hobbies does Elif enjoy? | Drawing cartoons and watching funny videos. |
| 5. What does she want from AI?
stop hating it. | Advice on how to finish homework faster and |

True or False

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| 1. Elif loves doing homework. | False |
| 2. Her cat helps her study. | False |
| 3. She wants to be a good student. | True |
| 4. Elif enjoys drawing cartoons. | True |
| 5. She wants advice from AI. | True |

Discussion Prompt: “Do you agree with Elif? Why or why not?”

Extension Idea: Students write their own “Dear AI” letter about a school problem (e.g., noisy classroom, strict teacher, too many tests).