

EDUCATION & LEARNING / STUDYING

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Education experiences, school memories, subjects and opinions

Activity 1: Let's talk about education

Discuss these questions with a partner.

1. What was your favourite subject at school? Why did you enjoy it?
2. Which subject did you find most difficult?
3. Do you learn better by listening, reading, watching or doing?
4. What makes a teacher really good at their job?
5. Do you think students have too much homework nowadays?
6. If you could change one thing about your education, what would it be?

Activity 2: Education vocabulary

Match each word or phrase with the correct definition.

1. A subject	A. To finish a course of study successfully
2. An assignment	B. A plan showing when classes or activities take place
3. A qualification	C. A piece of work that a student must complete
4. A timetable	D. To not keep up in class
5. A deadline	E. A topic that students study
6. To graduate	F. A date or time by which work must be finished
7. To concentrate	G. To give your attention to something
8. To fall behind	H. A certificate of achievement

Activity 3: Compare education systems

Work with a partner. Discuss the following statements.

Say whether you agree, disagree or partly agree, and explain why.

1. Students learn more when classes are small.
2. School uniforms are a good idea.
3. Exams are the best way to measure what students know.
4. Students should be able to choose more of their subjects.
5. Practical skills are just as important as academic subjects.
6. Education should be free for everyone.

Use these expressions:

- I agree with that because…
- I see your point, but…
- In my experience…
- It depends on…
- One advantage is…

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Activity 4: A memorable learning experience

Think about a time when you learned something important at school, at work or outside the classroom. Make a few notes.

- What did you learn?
- Where and when did you learn it?
- Who helped you?
- Was it easy or difficult?
- Why do you still remember it?

Tell your partner about the experience. Ask each other follow-up questions.

REAL ENGLISH BOX

Useful expressions for talking about education and learning:

- I've always been interested in… — I have liked or wanted to learn about something for a long time.
- That was never my strong point. — I was never particularly good at something.
- I learned it the hard way. — I learned through a difficult experience or by making mistakes.
- It finally clicked. — I finally understood something that had been difficult.
- You learn something new every day. — There is always something new to discover.
- I'm a visual learner. — I find it easier to learn when I can see pictures, diagrams or demonstrations.
- Practice makes perfect. — Repeating and practising something helps you improve.

Activity 5: Interview your partner

Take turns interviewing each other about education. Ask at least five questions and use follow-up questions to find out more.

1. What is one thing you remember clearly from school?
2. Which teacher had a positive influence on you?
3. What skill would you like to learn now?
4. Have you ever learned something in an unexpected way?
5. What advice would you give to someone starting school or university?

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Teacher's Key

Activity 2: 1–E, 2–C, 3–H, 4–B, 5–F, 6–A, 7–G, 8–D.

Activities 1, 3, 4 and 5:
Answers will vary.
Encourage students to explain their opinions and ask follow-up questions.

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