



Education

Lesson code: HRFL-8HDB-CDGJ-A

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

1 Schools, students, pupils

Look at the types of schools and match them to the people on the right.

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| 1. secondary school | a. a 20-year-old student, a professor |
| 2. primary school | b. a fifteen-year-old pupil, a maths teacher, a headmaster |
| 3. nursery school | c. a five-year-old pupil, a teacher |
| 4. university | d. a ten-year-old child |
| 5. private school | e. a three-year-old child |
| 6. middle school | f. parents who pay for their children's education |

Make sentences about your family like in the example:

My little cousin goes to primary school.

2 UK/US English

Match the British English words on the left to American English words on the right.

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| 1. secondary school | a. college |
| 2. primary school | b. day care |
| 3. nursery school | c. elementary school |
| 4. university | d. high school |
| 5. middle school | e. junior high school |

Now make sentences about your family using American English:

My little cousin goes to elementary school.

3 Good pupil vs. Bad pupil

Look at the sentences below. Which pupils are 'good pupils'? Which are 'bad pupils'?

1. Paul is never late — he always does his homework on time.
2. Lidia always pays attention in class.
3. Carlo often cheats in his exams. One day, he will be in trouble.
4. Kate always distracts other pupils. They can't concentrate on their work.
5. Mark annoys the teacher because he can't keep quiet during the lesson.
6. Susan studies very hard. I think she'll pass all her exams.
7. Daniel annoys the teacher because he's so noisy.
8. Alice never listens to the teacher. She prefers to talk to her friends.

Now match the words to form phrases from the sentences above.

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| 1. cheat | a. for an exam |
| 2. distract | b. in your exams |
| 3. keep | c. other pupils |
| 4. study | d. quiet during the lesson |
| 5. do | e. the teacher |
| 6. annoy | f. your homework on time |

Use the phrases to tell your partner if you were a good or bad pupil at school like in the example. Use adverbs of frequency like 'always', 'never', 'usually', 'sometimes'.

"I never cheated in my exams."

Now look at the list of adjectives and say which ones are positive and which are negative.

1. hard-working
2. clever
3. loud
4. lazy
5. stupid
6. polite
7. creative
8. naughty

Describe the pupils above using these adjectives.

4 Education phrases

Match the two halves of each sentence.

1. When you complete university education, you
 2. At the end of secondary school, you
 3. During university education, you
 4. If you want to do well in your exams, you must
 5. If you want to get a degree or diploma, you must
 6. If you want to get a degree or diploma, you mustn't
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- a. attend lectures.
 - b. fail your exams.
 - c. get a degree.
 - d. pass your exams.
 - e. revise for your exams.
 - f. take school-leaving exams.

Now make sentences about yourself using the phrases from this exercise.

5 Talking point

Discuss any of the questions below.

1. Describe the school you went to.
2. Describe the school system in your country.
3. Is education very important for getting a good job in your country?