

1 Look at the first photo and answer the questions. Then read the text and check your answers.

- 1 Where is Olivia?
- 2 What is she doing?

My Mum is My Teacher

It's 9.30 on Tuesday morning and I'm studying, but I'm not at school. That's because I'm home-educated. All children in Britain between five and eighteen must have an education. This is usually at school, but it can be at home. School's boring for me because the lessons are really easy, so I stay at home and my mum teaches me.

I study the same subjects as students at school, but I can learn at my level. I'm really good at maths, so I can take my maths GCSE* in May. Students take that exam when they're fifteen or sixteen, but I'm only twelve.

I usually study for five hours a day. I don't wear a uniform; I can work in my pyjamas if I want! There's a computer in my 'classroom' and I do a lot of work using DVD-ROMs and the internet. I practise the violin every day and I play in an orchestra once a week.

I love learning at home. I haven't got any brothers or sisters, but I'm never lonely. I go to a sports club at the weekends and I've got a lot of friends. Some of them also study at home, so we sometimes chat online.

*GCSE = General Certificate of Secondary Education



2  3.29 Read and listen to the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why doesn't Olivia go to school?
- 2 What is different about Olivia's home education?
- 3 At what age do students usually take GCSEs in Britain?
- 4 Why can Olivia take her maths GCSE early?
- 5 What does Olivia do when she isn't studying?
- 6 Does Olivia feel lonely studying at home?
Why / Why not?
- 7 In your opinion, is Olivia's life interesting?
Why / Why not?

-Olivia's home education is very unique. She stays at home and her mum teaches her.

-She doesn't go to school because she's home-educated.

-I think Olivia's life is interesting because she enjoys the things she's doing.

-Olivia practises the violin everyday and plays om an ochestra once a week.

-15 or 16 years old.

-No, she doesn't. She goes to a sports club at the weekends and she has got a lot of friends.

-Olivia can take her Maths GCSE early, at twelve years old because she's good at Maths.