

Pre Intermediate

Test on Unit 4

READING COMPREHENSION

B) Read an article about the education system in Finland and answer the questions.

Finnish schools to teach topics rather than subjects

For many years, the education system in Finland has been admired as one of the best in the world. Finland is usually at the top of international league tables for literacy and numeracy. Despite this success, the Finnish government is planning major reforms to the way children and young people are taught.

The planned changes are radical: for certain periods of the year, traditional learning by subject will be scrapped and replaced with learning by topic instead. Students will no longer have subject-specific lessons, for example an hour of maths followed by an hour of biology. Instead they will be taught broad topics which include lots of different subjects. For example, pupils might have lessons on the European Union which would include history, geography, foreign languages and economics. They might also study vocational topics, for example based around working in a shop, which would include the subjects necessary for that job, such as English for talking to customers.



The format of lessons will also change, with pupils sitting in small groups and working in collaboration to solve problems instead of just sitting listening to their teacher.

The reason for the planned changes is to better prepare young people for work. In recent years, jobs have changed due to technological advances, and the Finnish government believes that the education system needs to change to reflect that.

Despite some opposition from teachers, the changes have already taken place in several schools. It will be interesting to see if other countries, including the UK, decide to follow in Finland's footsteps.

- 1 Is the current Finnish education system successful?
- 2 What are Finnish schools best at in the world?
- 3 What subjects will pupils learn in a European Union class?
- 4 What will change about the way pupils sit in the classroom?
- 5 Why is the Finnish government changing the education system?
- 6 When will the changes happen?

WRITING

C) Complete the sentences with the correct Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 _____ you ever _____ (catch) a big fish?
- 2 They _____ always _____ (grow) fruit.
- 3 He _____ (swim) more than 10,000 metres!
- 4 _____ you _____ (give) them the plant?
- 5 She _____ never _____ (fly) in a plane.
- 6 We _____ (win) £1000 in a competition.

D) Present Perfect or Past Simple? Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 She *hasn't heard* / *didn't hear* their new CD.
- 2 *Did they travel* / *Have they travelled* to Japan last year?
- 3 You *didn't answer* / *haven't answered* my email.
- 4 Where *have they been* / *were they* last night?
- 5 I *have never won* / *did never win* a prize.
- 6 *Did you ever drive* / *Have you ever driven* a bus?

E) Complete the sentences with can/can't, have to/don't have to or must/mustn't.

- 1 We _____ get up early. (internal obligation)
- 2 You _____ be late again. (no allowance)
- 3 You _____ do it again. (no external obligation)
- 4 You _____ be an adult to enter. (external obligation)
- 5 We _____ get a bus now. We've missed the last one. (no possibility)
- 6 Children _____ watch this film. (allowance)

F) Complete the sentences with the correct form of make or do.

- 1 Did you _____ anything interesting last night?
- 2 Is your son _____ well in his new job?
- 3 We _____ a fun art project at school last year.
- 4 Have you _____ many friends at university?
- 5 I think I've _____ the worst decision ever!
- 6 We're _____ lots of business with China now.

G) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

- 1 It's a good idea to _____ sports.
- 2 Many people like _____ languages online.
- 3 He _____ the best performance ever last night.
- 4 My daughter has to _____ a school uniform.
- 5 What musical instruments can you _____ ?
- 6 I've never been good at _____ tests.

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H) Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 Sue always rereads the articles we study _____ class.
- 2 Ahmed likes to look _____ new words in his electronic dictionary.
- 3 The best way to remember how to use a new word is to note it _____ in a new sentence.
- 4 When you chat _____ native speakers, listen to how they speak.
- 5 Do you ever watch films _____ subtitles?
- 6 I find it hard reading the news _____ Dutch.

I) Complete the conversation with the words and phrases in the box.

- A: What's the best way to ¹ _____ my Spanish? I don't have time to study.
- B: Well, don't ² _____ about that. What type of things do you like?
- A: Music, films and computers!
- B: OK, so why ³ _____ you listen to music and
⁴ _____ down the words? Then try to memorise them.
- A: That's a good ⁵ _____.
- B: And you ⁶ _____ watch DVDs with subtitles in Spanish.
- A: That ⁷ _____ fun. And is it a good idea to chat to Spanish speakers ⁸ _____ ?
- B: Of course! And make friends with ⁹ _____ speakers from the local English-language school. They have ¹⁰ _____ evenings. You
¹¹ _____ in English for an hour, then in Spanish for an hour.
- A: That's a great idea! Thanks.

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