



Choose the correct item.

The First Day at School

Do you remember your first day at school?

It was probably **1** ____ confusing. Now, to **2** ____ this confusion, many primary schools in England have a special teacher who welcomes new pupils. She is **3** ____ a reception class teacher.

The children are **4** ____ with the idea of school and if they have been good, they can't understand why they have to go to school. They imagine that school is optional. When the child goes to school on his first day and watches his mother leaving, he thinks that she is deserting him. The teacher must **5** ____ him that at the end of the day his mother will be back and take him home. The children are not the only people that are disturbed by going to school. The teacher sometimes has as much difficulty in **6** ____ with the mothers. They hang around and dislike leaving the child without their protection.

The best way to **7** ____ with the situation is to get the child used to the idea of school. Before the beginning of term, the mother should take her child to see the teacher and to walk about the school. The first day should be something to **8** ____ the regularity of school.

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| 1. | 1. equally | 2. rarely | 3. enough | 4. rather |
| 2. | 1. avoid | 2. escape | 3. defeat | 4. beat |
| 3. | 1. named | 2. said | 3. called | 4. told |
| 4. | 1. afraid | 2. endangered | 3. risked | 4. threatened |
| 5. | 1. convince | 2. prove | 3. explain | 4. announce |
| 6. | 1. managing | 2. coping | 3. guiding | 4. handling |
| 7. | 1. face | 2. touch | 3. deal | 4. consider |
| 8. | 1. emphasize | 2. strengthen | 3. stress | 4. tell |

