

Read a student's essay about school on pages 64-65 quickly and match the questions below (1-6) to the paragraphs of the text (A-F).

1. Why do some students like going to school, while others don't?
2. Does school deal only with class activities on different subjects?
3. What way does school provide students with knowledge?
4. Where do we spend considerable time with our friends?
5. What's the difference between the Internet and school?
6. What other skills does school develop beside learning subjects?

A "There's more information on the Internet than in a million schools and in all the teachers and schools books in the world," some of us say, "so, why go to school?". In my opinion, there's more education in school than just acquiring information. While the Internet provides information schools can provide knowledge.

B Knowledge is not just information but the organisation and interpretation of information, which can be achieved through a good schools curriculum. Besides, the group work, teamwork and games in class can help students define themselves and the way they relate to others. It means that schools, unlike the Internet, provide young people with knowledge, critical thinking skills and social skills.

C It is obvious, that some students like school, others think they hate it. For students who are doing well, school is an attractive place. But those, who are not successful with their grades and are always pressed by teachers and their parents, consider school boring and uninteresting.

D School is not only a place of formal education, it is a place where students can develop their skills in social relationships, and increase their tolerance and mutual respect for each other.

E At school we can enjoy different cultural and confidence-building activities and, at the same time, realise and demonstrate our individual talents. Everybody has an opportunity to take part in dramatic and musical performances at a school or class party, or in school or interschool sports competitions. Now, many of the activities are organised through clubs. They provide a variety to the main educational programs and can also be enjoyed away from school and outside regular school hours.

F School is an important social environment for young people. At school we make out best friends, with whom we spend considerable time going together to excursions, concerts, parties and discos.

Read the essay again and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Both the Internet and school provide students with knowledge.
2. School provides young people with critical thinking and social skills.
3. If you have an interest in going on to higher education you will find school as an interesting place.
4. School is the place of formal education.
5. School provides with opportunities to develop students' talents.
6. Friends are people with whom we spend considerable time going to school.
7. Everybody should realise that school is one of the main social environments for young people