

Use Your Skills

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Complete the text with the correct words from the box.

achievement, adjustment, admit, attitude, average, colleges, common, failure, grade, letter, marking, method, minimum, occasionally, pass, percentage, perfect, progress, record, reports, school, teacher

GRADING

Grading is a (1) ... used in schools to (2) ... students' achievements. Almost every (3) ... keeps a record of each student's (4) ... in order to have some basis for measuring his (5) The record supplies information for (6) ... to parents. Universities and (7) ... often use this information to help determine whether they should (8) ... a student.

For a long time, the most (9) ... method of recording achievement was by (10) ..., with a mark or (11) ..., of 100 per cent representing (12) ... achievement. The (13) ... mark for a (14) ... was usually 70 per cent, and for (15) ... work, about 80 per cent. Today, the letters A, B, C, D, E and (16) ... F, are much more commonly used. The mark A stands for exceptional achievement, and E or F means (17)

A few schools use no (18) ... system at all. Instead, each (19) ... writes a detailed (20) ... to the parents. Such letters report the student's progress, (21) ... activities and social (22)