



EXTRA MATERIAL

Education vocabularies. Difference between The US and The UK.

In the UK

Children start ¹ school when they are five. Before that, many children go to ² school. From 11–18, children go to ³ school. Some children go to ⁴ schools, where they study, eat, and sleep. School children are usually called ⁵ (not "students" which only refers to people who are at university), and the person who is in charge of a school is called the ⁶ teacher. The school year is divided into three ⁷. Higher education is often called ⁸.

In the US

Many children start their education between the ages of two and four in ¹ preschool. Once a child turns five, he or she enters the US school system, which is divided into three levels, ² school, middle school (sometimes called junior high school), and ³ school. In almost all schools at these levels, children are divided by age groups into ⁴. The youngest children begin in ⁵ (followed by first grade) and continue until ⁶ grade, the final year of high school. The school year is divided into two ⁷.



Most US schools (about 75%) are ⁸ schools, which means they are supported by US tax dollars and education is free. The other 25% are ⁹ schools, where parents have to pay. Many of these schools are ¹⁰ schools, where the teachers may be priests or nuns.

If you want to go to ¹¹, you have to apply. Admission depends on high school grades, college aptitude test scores, and extracurricular activities. A person who has completed college and has earned a degree is called a college ¹².