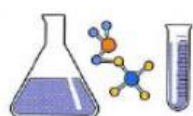


I can talk about my school

A School subjects



chemistry



physics



biology

$$280 \div x = 14$$

maths



ICT



geography



history



literature



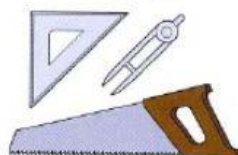
music



art



PE



design and technology



modern languages

Chemistry, physics, biology, etc. are school **subjects**.

ICT = information communication technology

PE = physical education

RE = religious education

spotlight *be good at something*

If you are **good at** something, you do it well.

If you are **terrible at** it, you do it very badly.

I'm (quite) good at languages.

I'm terrible at maths.

1 Complete the words.

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| ▶ a rt | 3 b _ _ l _ g _ | 6 m _ th _ |
| 1 h _ st _ ry | 4 d _ s _ gn | 7 m _ s _ c |
| 2 g _ _ gr _ ph _ | 5 ph _ s _ cs | 8 l _ t _ r _ t _ r _ |

2 Write the name of a school subject.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| ▶ Beethoven, jazz, <u>music</u> | 4 Spanish, German _____ |
| 1 football, gym _____ | 5 church, mosque, etc. _____ |
| 2 computers _____ | 6 CO ₂ , H ₂ O _____ |
| 3 Shakespeare _____ | 7 Picasso, Monet _____ |

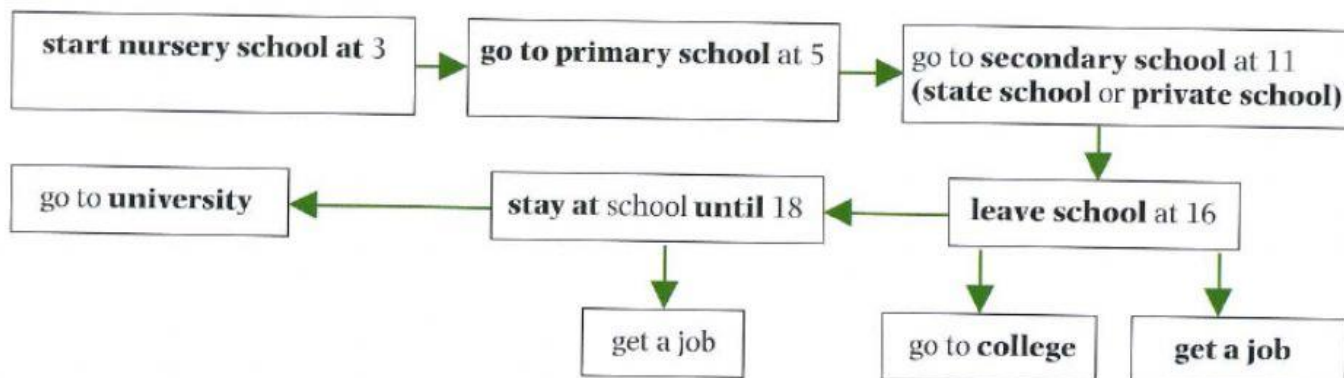
3 ABOUT YOU Circle the correct verb form. Complete the sentences about yourself.

- At school, I'm/I was good at _____.
- I'm/I was quite good at _____.
- I'm/I was terrible at _____.
- We don't/didn't study _____.
- The subject I like/liked most is/was _____.

B The education system

Education in England and Wales

You can ...



Some **pupils** (= schoolchildren up to the age of 16) wear a **uniform**.

5 Put the story in order.

- a where he learnt to read and write. ☐
- b He stayed there until he was sixteen, ☐
- c When Tom was three, ☒
- d and then he went to college. ☐
- e After that, he went to secondary school. ☐
- f He left college when he was 18 ☐
- g At the age of five, ☐
- h he started nursery school. ☐
- i he went to primary school, ☐
- j and got a job in a bank. ☐

Glossary

start school go to a new school for the first time

state school a school where education is free **private school**

stay at school go to school for a period of time (also **continue at school**)

until up to that time ('I was there until 3.00.' means 'after 3.00, I went away.')

college place where you can study after you leave school

leave school stop going to school

get a job find a job

uniform special clothes that children wear in a school

spotlight at (the age of) ...

Children go to school **at 5** (OR **at the age of 5**). = Children go to primary school when they are five (years old).

6 Complete the questions, but don't write answers.

- At what age do children go to nursery school?
- 1 When do they s_____ primary school?
- 2 Do they usually wear a u_____ at primary school?
- 3 When do p_____ start s_____ school?
- 4 When can they l_____ school and g_____ a job?
- 5 Do they go to st_____ schools, pr_____ schools, or both?

ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY

7 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 6 or ask another student.

C Exams

When I was at secondary school, I went to all the **lessons** and **did** my **homework**, but I didn't **work** very **hard**. So, when I **took exams** at 16, my **results** weren't fantastic. I **passed** six, which was good, but I **failed** maths. My **worst** result was physics – I got a **grade E**, which was terrible. After that, I went to a sixth form college where I worked hard and **did well**. I passed all my exams at 18 and went to university. That's where I am now.



Glossary

lesson a period of time (about an hour) in school when you are learning something

do homework *v* do work the teacher has given you to do at home (NOT **homeworks**)

work hard work a lot

result what you get in an exam, e.g. 80%, A, or 8/10

(the) worst superlative of **bad** *OPP* **(the) best** superlative of **good**

grade you get a **grade** (e.g. A or B) or a **mark** (e.g. 15/20) in an exam

do well be good at something and get better at it *OPP* **do badly**

spotlight **exam (examination)**

An **exam** is an important test at the end of a period of study.

take an exam = sit down and write your answers in the exam

pass an exam = take an exam and do well, e.g. grade A or 85%

fail an exam = take an exam and do badly, e.g. grade D or 35%

8 Look at Rafael's exam results on the right and answer the questions.

- ▶ How many exams did he take? 7
- 1 Did he take an exam in chemistry? _____
- 2 How many did he pass? _____
- 3 How many did he fail? _____
- 4 What was his best grade? _____
- 5 What was his worst grade? _____
- 6 What did he get in English? _____

Exam	Grade	A, B, C – pass D, E – fail
French	B	
IT	C	
Geography	D	
Biology	A	
English	C	
History	B	
Maths	E	

9 Complete the questions.

- ▶ Six out of ten isn't a very good mark.
- 1 I have to _____ an English exam tomorrow.
- 2 Did you _____ your homework last night?
- 3 Paula did very _____ in her German exam; she got a _____ A.
- 4 I got my exam _____ yesterday. I passed all of them.
- 5 Andre is very unhappy at the moment. He's doing _____ at school, and last week he _____ an important maths exam.
- 6 Maths is my _____ subject. I'm terrible at it.

10 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions or ask another student.

- 1 How long are/were your lessons at school? _____
- 2 Do/Did you work hard at school most of the time? _____
- 3 At what age will/did you take important exams? _____
- 4 How many will/did you take? _____
- 5 Will/Did you pass all of them? _____