

The internet bus

In the desert areas that surround Tucson city, USA, students spend hundreds of hours on yellow buses each year getting to and from their schools. But when mobile internet equipment was (1) on a yellow school bus, the bored, often noisy, teens were (2) into quiet, studious individuals.

District officials got the idea during (3) drives on school business to Phoenix, two hours each way, when they (4) that, when they went in pairs, one person could drive and the other could work using a laptop and a wireless card. They (5) if internet access on a school bus could (6) students' academic productivity, too.

But the idea for what students call 'the internet bus' really (7) shape when the district's chief information officer (8) across an article about having internet access in cars. He thought, 'What if you could put that in a bus?'

The officials have been delighted to see the (9) of homework getting done, morning and evening, as the internet bus (10) up and drops off students along the 70-minute drive. (11) some students spend their time playing games or visiting social networking sites, most students do make (12) of their travel time to study.

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| 1 | A installed | B set | C included | D structured |
| 2 | A replaced | B exchanged | C switched | D transformed |
| 3 | A extraordinary | B occasional | C exceptional | D few |
| 4 | A believed | B acknowledged | C estimated | D realised |
| 5 | A thought | B imagined | C suspected | D wondered |
| 6 | A increase | B enlarge | C rise | D heighten |
| 7 | A formed | B took | C held | D did |
| 8 | A got | B looked | C came | D put |
| 9 | A total | B amount | C number | D measure |
| 10 | A brings | B picks | C rides | D catches |
| 11 | A Since | B Despite | C Although | D However |
| 12 | A progress | B work | C use | D part |



Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Young enterprise

How prepared are you for _____ future? You are studying to obtain qualifications for your chosen career, but what _____ getting the business skills necessary to make your career a success? How do you gain the advantage _____ will get you your dream job? Perhaps you even have an ambition to set _____ a business yourself?

_____ year since 2007, when the Young Enterprise Programme began, hundreds of thousands of young people have gained a head start while they are still at school by taking part _____ the programme. There, they have gained key business skills and knowledge, either through a series of workshops _____ through starting and running their own real company. At Young Enterprise we believe that it is important for learning to _____ exciting, fun and hands-on, which is _____ our programmes are run on the principle of learning by doing.

_____ participate in a programme, your first step is to consult your school. Your school will need to become a centre if it has _____ yet done so. It can register as _____ of these by contacting the nearest Young Enterprise office. Once it _____ registered as a centre, you can get started!

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- John went to the cinema by himself yesterday afternoon. **OWN**
John went to the cinema _____ yesterday afternoon.
- The start of the second race was delayed because the first race finished late. **CAUSED**
The delay to the start of the second race _____ the late finish of the first race.
- It is six months since Richard went to the barber's for a haircut. **HAD**
Richard _____ his hair cut at the barber's for six months.
- My brother didn't use to be so confident. **THAN**
My brother is _____ to be.
- Marta's dad told her yesterday that she could visit her friend after school. **ALLOWED**
Yesterday, Marta's dad _____ her friend after school.
- Kate regrets missing the concert. **WISHES**
Kate _____ missed the concert.
- Hannah was happy to lend Lin a jacket. **MIND**
Hannah _____ a jacket to Lin.
- 'Tim, you left the fridge door open!' said Sarah. **ACCUSED**
Sarah _____ leaving the fridge door open.
- School prizes are given out at the end of each year. **PLACE**
School prize-giving _____ at the end of each year.



Skyscraper? No, 'water-scraper'!

Each year, EV Magazine hosts a skyscraper design competition. Most entrants imagine giant buildings taller than anything under construction today. However, the most successful entry this year went the opposite route. Malaysian designer Sarly Adre bin Sarkum's winning entry to the problem of conceiving a different kind of development was to drop his building straight downwards into the sea. He deliberately designed it to contrast with the skyscrapers that make up most of the entries, and to highlight sustainable development.

His self-sufficient 'water-scraper' would be similar in concept to the Empire State Building, but with only a couple of storeys above the sea's surface. Wind, solar, and wave power would provide energy and a green space containing forests and agricultural areas at the top would provide food and oxygen. Living and work areas would be below the sea's surface. The structure would be kept level by giant tentacles. The tentacles would also generate electricity through ocean currents.

No-one is building anything like this now but it is likely to be certain of what our future needs will be. Land will become scarcer as population grows and accelerates and, since approximately 70% of the Earth's surface is ocean, cities in the sea may one day be a reality.

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IMPRESS

SOLVE

ARCHITECT

HIGH

AGRICULTURE

MOVE

POSSIBLE

ACCOMMODATE

GROW

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