Teacher's Day

Ancient Greece

wax

stick

wrestling

strict

hit

What is your teacher called? Is your teacher a man or a woman? How many teachers are there in your school?

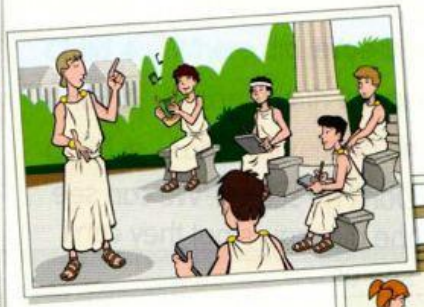
In Ancient Greece the teachers were all men. There weren't any women teachers. There were grammar teachers, music teachers and PE teachers.

They didn't have blackboards or books. They wrote lessons for the children on wood. There was wax on the wood. They didn't have pens, they had sticks. They taught reading, writing, thinking and music. In the afternoons the PE teachers taught wrestling!

Much later, in the eighteenth century, there were women and men teachers. The teachers were very strict then and they sometimes hit the children with sticks.

In the nineteenth century the famous English author Charles Dickens wrote about a very strict teacher in his book *Hard Times*. The teacher's name was Mr Gradgrind. He didn't like children thinking and having ideas. He said they must only learn facts. Teachers wrote on blackboards at the front of the class.

Today there are books, pens and computers and games in our schools. Men and women can be teachers. In their classrooms they sometimes have blackboards like in the 1800s but now they have whiteboards as well. Our teachers are sometimes strict but they are kind too and they like children thinking and having lots of ideas!



1 Read and write True or False.

1 There were men and women teachers in Ancient Greece. .....
2 Teachers wrote on blackboards in Ancient Greece. .....
3 PE teachers taught football in the afternoons in Ancient Greece. .....
4 Charles Dickens was a famous English teacher. .....
5 Mr Gradgrind was a kind teacher. .....
6 In the 18th century the teachers never hit the children. .....

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