2 Now read the blog.

Around the world, millions of students enjoy a long summer vacation each year. But some experts say that the traditional summer vacation has a negative effect on students' education.

Research[1] shows that during the summer, students forget approximately 30 percent of what they learned. Therefore, during the first month of school, teachers often have to repeat lessons from the year before rather than go on to new topics.

The long breaks from school affect children differently. Some families send their children to summer camps. Other parents buy summer books or pay for private lessons to help their children. But many families simply can't afford these things.

In the past, schools had to close during the summer because it was extremely hot and classrooms weren't air conditioned[2]. But this is not a problem anymore because most classrooms have air conditioning.

Rather than one long summer vacation, schools should consider a shorter summer vacation with more short breaks during the year. It would help all students to get a better education. And who doesn't like frequent[3] vacations?

What about you? What do you think about having short breaks during the year instead of one long summer vacation?

COMMENTS:

Anat: I think it's a terrible idea! I work hard all year. I need the summer to rest and take it easy.

Natan: In my opinion, it's too hot to be outside in the summer. It would be nice to do things when it's cooler.

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A) Circle the correct answers to complete the esntences.

1. Some experts believe that long summer vacations have a ..... effect on students' education.

a. positive
b. negative

2. many students don't remember ..... of what they learned the previous year.

a. some
b. most

3. In the past, schools .....long summer vacations.

a. didn't have
b. had to have

B) Complete teh chart . Write causes and effects according to the text.

Cause	**Effect**
a.---------- ----------	Teachers have to repeat lessons from the year before .
It is extremely hot and classrooms weren't air conditioned.	b.---------- ----------

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