

8.5

Listening and Vocabulary

A modern school



- Look at the photo of a classroom and answer the questions.
 - What are the students doing? How are they feeling?
 - Is it similar or different to your school?
- 8.12 Listen to a podcast about an unusual school in Denmark. Choose the correct answer.
 - Architects designed the school so that it
 - has only one classroom.
 - looks normal inside.
 - has a lot of open spaces.
 - On a normal school day, pupils can
 - work in an office.
 - use the library next door.
 - eat lunch in a canteen with glass walls.
 - The head teacher believes that pupils
 - need good computer skills.
 - don't like working on their own.
 - must work hard.
 - Pupils at Ørestad Gymnasium
 - start school at half past eight.
 - have helpful teachers.
 - don't have any exams.
- Would you enjoy going to a school like Ørestad Gymnasium? Why?/Why not? Discuss in pairs.

- 8.13 I KNOW! Complete the Vocabulary box with the words below. Listen and check. Can you add more words?

computer room pupil Science lab
secondary-school sports hall stairs

VOCABULARY School and education

Places of learning

college primary school ¹secondary school
university

People in schools

classmate form tutor head teacher
Maths/English teacher ²_____

Places in schools

canteen classroom ³_____ library
playground ⁴_____ ⁵_____
staff room ⁶_____

- Complete the sentences with words from the Vocabulary box.
 - Luke was late for school every day last week and had to see the head teacher.
 - There's always a long queue for the _____ at lunchtime.
 - I changed class last year – my new _____ are definitely nicer people!
 - Sometimes we play basketball in the _____ in wet weather.
 - The teachers relax in the _____ between lessons.

- 8.14 WORD FRIENDS In pairs, complete the sentences with the words below. Listen and check.

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- The best way to revise for a test is to make notes.
- We _____ a lot of grammar exercises in English lessons.
- I'm quite shy, so I feel nervous before I _____ presentations.
- I always _____ my homework after I get home from school.
- It's hard to _____ essays in class.

YOUR WORLD

- In pairs, ask and answer the questions.
 - How often do you talk to your head teacher and form tutor?
 - How often do you use the school library/ computer room?
 - Do you prefer to give presentations or write essays? Why?