Starting school

In a child's earliest years, learning takes place within the reassuring confines of the home, where (0) ..*achievements*... are greeted with praise by the parents. All this changes when the child starts to attend school. ACHIEVE

Two children who start school together may have had a similar (1) ..... and be equally intelligent, but the way they deal with the new learning environment is often (2) ..... different. One will thrive in the (3) ..... of the classroom, while the other will struggle to keep up. BRING STRIKE FORMAL

At school, the teachers are (4) ..... by the urgent needs of a large number of children clamouring for their attention, and the frequent (5) ..... of classrooms means that the noise level is high. Despite this, a child is expected to concentrate on what is being said, and his (6) ..... to hear or understand may pass unnoticed or be (7) ..... by the teacher. SIEGE CROWD ABLE REGARD

The nature of school activities will probably differ from what the child is used to at home, and may seem (8) ..... to him. In addition, it is no longer possible for a child to stop what he is doing when (9) ..... sets in. Having to sit still and concentrate is a (10) ..... many children's home lives may not have prepared them for. MEAN BORE REQUIRE