

Grades Around the Globe

Did you know that not all schools grade students the same way? Around the world, countries use different systems to (1)___ students' knowledge and progress. While some places use letters, others use numbers or percentages. Let's explore a few different grading systems and see how students in different countries experience school assessments.

In the United States, most schools use letter grades: A, B, C, D, and F. An "A" is the highest grade, usually meaning the student (2)___ between 90% and 100% on their work. A "B" might be between 80% and 89%, and so on. An "F" means a (3)___ grade. American students also have a Grade Point Average, or GPA. The GPA is calculated from the average of all grades on a 4.0 scale, where 4.0 represents an "A" average.

In Hungary, schools use a number system from 1 to 5, with 5 being the (4)___ grade and 1 meaning "fail." A 5 means (5)___, while a 4 means good. A 3 is average, and a 2 is the minimum passing grade. This system is similar to other European countries, like Croatia and Slovakia, which also use a 1 to 5 grading scale.

Germany has a grading system that might look familiar but has a twist: they use numbers from 1 to 6, but here, 1 is the best grade, not the (6)___. A 1 is excellent, while a 2 is very good, and a 3 is satisfactory. A 6, however, is a failing grade. German students also receive "Abitur" grades at the end of their high school years, which (7)___ if they can enter university.

In Japan, schools usually use a percentage system. A student's score is shown as a percentage, where 100% is the highest. However, in (8)___ schools, teachers sometimes use symbols in *kanji* (Japanese characters) instead of numbers so that younger children understand their performance without the pressure of numeric scores. The symbol meaning "excellent" shows the best performance, while others represent "good," "average," or "needs improvement."

In the UK, students take (9)___ called GCSEs and A-levels. Grades range from A* (the highest) to U (ungraded). The letter U means that the work was ungraded or failed. Students also see their scores in percentages on some exams. For example, a student might need around 70% to get an "A" in some subjects.

At the end of the day, different grading systems reflect each country's education goals and traditions. Whether it's letters, numbers, or (10)___, each system is meant to show how students are progressing. And even though they're different, they all help students and teachers understand what's working and where they can improve.



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Word Bank

excellent, elementary, percentages, scored, worst, grade, failing, exams, assess, highest, determine