

- 2 Find the words in the word chain and complete the sentences.



- Is there any difference between a kindergarten and a _____ school? They are both for very young pupils before they go to a _____ school.
- In our town, we have a _____ school for 13-15 year olds and a _____ school for older students. They are _____ schools, for boys and girls. My cousin, Mark, goes to a _____ school and his sister goes to a _____ school. I'm glad I don't go to a _____ - sex school. I like having girls in my class.
- I go to a _____ school because it is very expensive to go to a _____ school.
- I don't want to go to _____ when I leave school. I want to go to a _____ college and learn to be an electrician.

- 3 Complete the blog with the verbs from the box in the correct form. You need to use some verbs twice.

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leave miss pass start

A new school year

My mum and dad often move and it's difficult to ⁰start school in a new place every year. Sometimes I don't ¹ _____ very well but, this year, I want to have a good year.

This year, I want to:

- make lots of friends
- ² _____ on time for lessons,
- ³ _____ good marks for my homework,
- ⁴ _____ all my exams,
- ⁵ _____ to lessons with a smile on my face and all my books in my bag!

This year, I don't want to:

- ⁶ _____ any classes,
- ⁷ _____ badly,
- ⁸ _____ bad marks,
- ⁹ _____ my exams,
- ¹⁰ _____ late for lessons,
- Forget my books.

Can I do it? When I ¹¹ _____ school next year, I want to go to university. I can't do that with bad marks.

- 5 Complete the text with one word in each gap. You may need to use some words more than once.

Children and education

Advice needed

Our son, Tom is doing ⁰well at school. We are very ¹ _____ of him. He is always on ² _____ for lessons, in fact, he is often ten or fifteen minutes ³ _____. He always does his ⁴ _____ in all his subjects. He does his ⁵ _____ as soon as he gets home and he always gets good ⁶ _____, even in Maths, which is his weakest subject.

Unfortunately, our daughter, Karen, isn't such a good student. She doesn't always do her ⁷ _____ in the evening and she usually does ⁸ _____ in her exams. She is never on ⁹ _____ for school and she and her friends are often ¹⁰ _____ for other things like basketball practice. She gets bad ¹¹ _____ in all her subjects, except for French, which she loves. She wants to study there and thinks that French students get a better ¹² _____ than English ones.

How can we make Karen work harder and be more like Tom? Any ideas?