

- 2 Help your partner complete the article by explaining the words in green. Your partner will help you fill your spaces by giving you clues.

Breaking the Rules

Imagine a school where there are no **classrooms**, no curriculum, no **timetables** and no principal. There are no **reports** to send home to parents, no homework and no **tests** to take at the end of term.

At this school, students don't have to study unless they want to. Sounds impossible? Well, this is the reality for around 50 students who **attend** the Harrisburg Circle School in Pennsylvania, USA. Here, students are responsible for organising their own time and the teachers don't give **lessons** unless students request them. So, if someone feels like learning French, **biology**, or **mathematics** they can. If not, they can read a book, play a video game, cook, play the guitar or just hang out with friends. They can go outside whenever they want, although they can't leave the school grounds without

Students do have responsibilities, however. In the **morning** every student has to sign up for a task, such as cleaning the floor, which they must do by the end of the day. Also, everyone has to attend the weekly school meetings, where all the **permission** about running the school are made.

There is a 'law book' which contains all the school rules about **behaviour**, safety, and using school equipment.

Punishments for those who have **broken** the rules are decided in the weekly school meetings.

Some people question whether a school like this can provide a good **education**. But many of the school's students go on to get **degrees** from colleges and universities all over the country, and abroad. Others go directly into the world of work. One ex-student who now runs a **successful** T-shirt company said 'At this school I had to work things out for myself, and I could do it in my own time and in my own way. That **taught** me how to get what I want from life.' What more can you ask from a school?

3 Are these sentences about the school correct (A) or incorrect (B)?

A: YES B: NO

1 Students don't have to do any homework.

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2 Students needn't study at all.

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3 Students have to decide for themselves how they spend their time.

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4 Students can go shopping during the day.

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5 Students must do three chores every day.

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6 Students mustn't miss the school meetings.

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7 Students from this school can't go to university.

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