5 SCHOOL

ABOUT YOU

03 Watch the video and discuss the questions.

How many different subjects do you study?

How much homework do you usually get each day?



LIVEWORKSHEETS

VOCABULARY AND READING

School subjects

1 Match the school subjects in the box to the pictures. Listen and check. Then repeat.

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biology | chemistry | design and technology | drama | foreign languages | geography | history | ICT | maths | PE | physics | science


A


B


C


D


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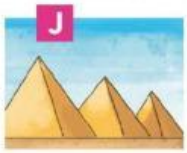


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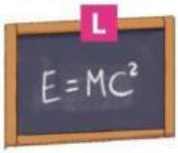

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 **Read the article about schools in Finland and choose the best title.**

A Starting young
B New ways of learning
C Time for homework

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3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 At what age do Finnish students go to school?

They start school _____

2 How long are they at school every day?

For _____ every day.

3 Do students have any homework?

They _____

4 Do subject words appear on all school timetables?

Yes, _____ appear on all school timetables.

5 How do some experts think our brains work?

They think our _____ is connected.

6 In Finland, do students

a complete a project at the same time as they learn school subjects, or

b study school subjects and then complete a project?

___

7 What subjects do students learn when they do the project on Pompeii?

H_____ _____ _____ .

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4 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

1 Which are your favourite subjects?
2 Which subjects don't you enjoy as much?
3 Which subjects are you best at?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PRONUNCIATION | Word patterns

37 **5** Listen and look at the word patterns in the table. Then put the words in the box into the correct column.

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topic	*audience*	*communicate*

biology chemistry classroom favourite geography
history languages science technology

38 **Listen and check. Then repeat.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS

VOCABULARY School subjects

1 Match the two halves of the words. Then write the whole words below.

a ~~his~~	**b** bio	**c** ence	**d** mat
e geo	**f** hs	**g** dra	**h** logy
i sics	**j** phy	**k** istry	**l** sci
m chem	**n** ~~tory~~	**o** ma	**p** graphy

0 *a + n = history*
1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Choose the correct answers.

1 I want to work with numbers, so I need to study _____.
A biology **B** maths **C** science

2 I want to travel to other countries, so I need to study _____.
A drama **B** foreign languages **C** PE

3 I want to write computer programmes, so I need to study _____.
A chemistry **B** geography **C** ICT

4 I want to be an actor, so I need to study _____.
A maths **B** history **C** drama

5 I want to help find new medicines, so I need to study _____.
A design and technology **B** biology **C** history

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 **Write the correct subject. Do not use *science*.**

In which subject do you do these things?

1 play basketball .....
2 learn about rivers, mountains and oceans .....
3 learn about facts from the past .....
4 draw something then make it .....
5 learn about using numbers .....
6 study how plants grow .....
7 learn about space, the moon and the stars .....
8 learn about computers and using the internet .....
9 speak, hear, read and write lots of new words from a different country .....

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