

VOCABULARY

5.1

Types of school • at school
• exams

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.

This classroom object is something the teacher can write on: **b**lackboard

- 1 These subjects are often called IT and PE: **I** _____ **T** _____,
P _____ **E** _____
- 2 These two subjects, and Biology, are **S** _____: **P** _____, **C** _____
- 3 Sometimes we call these people school students: **P** _____
- 4 This person is the most important person in the school: **h** _____
- 5 You have one of these for every subject. It has information and exercises in it: **c** _____
- 6 This person looks after a class: **f** _____
t _____
- 7 You sit at this and put your books on it: **d** _____
- 8 People who are good with numbers like this subject: **M** _____
- 9 This is something a teacher can write on but it can also be used with a computer to show information: **i** _____ **w** _____

REMEMBER THIS

College is a place where students go to study after secondary school. It is different from university.

If you leave school at the age of sixteen (after GCSE exams), you can go e.g. to a college of further education and train for a specific job, or you can go to a sixth-form college – which is a two-year preparation for A-level exams. When you have the right number of A levels, you can apply for a place at a university.

In old universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge, colleges are independent parts of the university. They can be located in different (often historic) buildings. They usually offer many different subjects.

WORD STORE 5A | Types of school

- 2 Find the words in the word chain and complete the sentences. You don't need to use all the words.



- A Playgroups are for children between 3 and 4. Then children go to a kindergarten or a ¹ _____ school. They are both for very young pupils before they go to ² _____ school.
- B In our town, we have a ³ _____ school for 11–18 year-olds. It's a ⁴ _____ school, for boys and girls. My cousin, Mark, goes to a ⁵ _____ school and his sister goes to a ⁶ _____ school. I'm glad I don't go to a ⁷ _____-sex school. I like having girls in my class.
- C I go to a ⁸ _____ school because it is very expensive to go to a ⁹ _____ school.
- D I don't want to go to ¹⁰ _____ when I leave school. I am thinking about going to a ¹¹ _____. I want to be a car mechanic.

WORD STORE 5B | At school

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

(be come do get leave miss start)

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A new school year

My mum and dad often move and it's difficult to start 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 _____ to lessons with a smile on my face and all my books in my bag!

This year, I don't want to:

⁵ _____ any classes, ⁶ _____ badly in tests,
⁷ _____ bad marks, ⁸ _____ late for lessons,
forget my books.

Can I do it? When I ⁹ _____ school next year, I want to go to university. I can't do that with bad marks.

- 4 Complete the dialogue between Simon and his mum with one verb in each gap.



- M: Simon, this is a letter from your teacher.
 S: Oh.
 M: She says you sometimes miss lessons. Is this true?
 S: Well, once or twice, yes.
 M: And you ¹ _____ never on time. Why not? You leave here at 8.15. Where do you go?
 S: I meet my friends. Sometimes we walk slowly because we are talking. But, I ² _____ well at school. I always ³ _____ good marks for my homework.
 M: I know, I know. Your teacher is happy with your work but you can't be late for school. People who ⁴ _____ school and get a job can't be late in the morning.
 S: I understand that. Don't worry. I can change. Anyway, I don't want a job yet. I want to stay at school for two more years, have good grades and then go to university.
 M: Good. You can tell Mrs Taylor that when we meet her.
 S: We???
 M: Yes, she wants to talk to us both tomorrow at 4 p.m. Don't be late!

WORD STORE SC | Exams

- 5 Complete the dialogue with the verbs from the box in the correct form.

(fail get into pass prepare retake revise take)

In the library ...

- Jade: Hi, Ned. What are you doing?
 Ned: Oh hello, Jade. Well, I'm revising for my History exam.
 Jade: I see. When ¹ _____ you _____ the exam?
 Ned: It's on Wednesday, and I need to study hard because I don't want to ² _____ it.
 Jade: Don't worry too much, Ned. You're a good student. I'm sure you can ³ _____ your exam.
 Ned: I hope so! I don't want to ⁴ _____ it – once is enough! What about you? ⁵ _____ you _____ for your exams yet?
 Jade: Yes, I have. I started a few months ago.
 Ned: Why did you start so early?
 Jade: Well, I want to ⁶ _____ the School of Fine Arts to become a painter and the entrance exams are really hard – all the best art students want to go there!
 Ned: Good luck!
 Jade: You too!

REMEMBER THIS

There are some differences between British, Australian and American English when we talk about types of schools.

In Great Britain there are *primary schools* and *secondary schools*, like in Australia.

In the USA, there are *elementary schools*, *junior high schools* or *middle schools* and *high schools*.

In Great Britain, there are *state schools* and *private schools*, also like in Australia.

In the USA, there are *public schools* and *private schools*.

REMEMBER BETTER

Grouping words in diagrams is a good way for visual learners to remember vocabulary. It strengthens the process of learning. It is a useful way to record any new vocabulary for easy reference later on.

Complete the diagram with as many words as you can think of.



SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

- 6 Choose the correct answers A–C.

- Don't worry about your exams. Just ___ your best.
 A do B get C be
- In the UK, children go to ___ school when they are 11.
 A primary B high C secondary
- About twenty percent of the pupils ___ their exams every year.
 A miss B fail C lose
- My brother wants to ___ school when he is 16.
 A leave B miss C start
- Come on. Let's run to school. We don't want to ___ late.
 A do B get C be
- I never ___ lessons because the school always writes to tell your parents.
 A skip B leave from C miss
- Please be quiet. Paul is ___ for his exams.
 A taking B passing C revising
- Kelly is always ___ time for school but she is always late when we go out!
 A early B on C at
- I was very disappointed when I ___ two of my exams.
 A failed B retook C passed
- There aren't any boys here. It's a ___-sex school.
 A girl's B single C mixed

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