2C LISTENING – UNUSUAL SCHOOL

I can understand numbers, dates and times

1- **SPEAKING**. Describe the photo of the classroom. Use the phrases and words below to help you. What is unusual about it?

I can see …   I can't see …
book   desk   student   teacher
whiteboard   young / old

2- Complete the fact file with the verbs below. Would you like to go to a "democratic school"? Why? / Why not?

choose   don't   go   have   mark   meet   take

DEMOCRATIC SCHOOLS

FACT FILE

In democratic schools …

- students ¹_____ the subjects they want to study.
- students don't have to ²_____ to lessons.
- students don't usually have to ³_____ exams.
- teachers don't usually ⁴_____ students' work.
- classes are mixed-ability and often ⁵_____ students of different ages.
- all the students and teachers ⁶_____ to discuss the timetable, school rules, school trips, etc.
- the teachers ⁷_____ make many rules or give many punishments.

3- **SPEAKING**. Say these numbers, dates and times. Sometimes there is more than one way to say them. Then listen, check and repeat.

> **LEARN THIS!** Saying numbers, dates and times
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> We often say numbers, dates and times differently from how they are written.
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> 110 = *a hundred and ten* or *one hundred and ten*
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> 1,110 = *one thousand, one hundred and ten*
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> 07.15 = *quarter past seven* or *seven fifteen*
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> 20 May = *the twentieth of May*
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> April 15 = *April the fifteenth*
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> 1997 = *nineteen ninety-seven*
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> 2005 = *two thousand and five*
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> 2012 = *twenty twelve* or *two thousand and twelve*
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> 07.07.2025 = *the seventh of July, twenty twenty-five*

1	10.55	6	1 June 1998
2	August 15 2016	7	6.45
3	4.30	8	557
4	1,390	9	20.07.1990
5	150	10	3,260

4- Listen to the sentences A-G. Write the number, date or time that you hear in each sentence.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

5- Listen to the radio interview with a student at the Brooklyn Free School. Which sentence is not true?

1 Classes at the school are very small.

2 They study the usual school subjects.

3 Nathan doesn't enjoy school.

6- Listen again. Then choose the correct answer

1 Nathan is ___ years old.
   a 15   **b** 16   **c** 17
2 In Nathan's part of the school the students are aged ___.
   a 4–11   **b** 4–18   **c** 12–18
3 Nathan's part of the school has about ___ students.
   a 16   **b** 60   **c** 66
4 Nathan ___ sits next to students of his own age.
   a sometimes   **b** never   **c** always
5 The boy who helps Nathan with maths is ___.
   a 11   **b** 13   **c** 18
6 Lessons are from ___.
   a 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.   **b** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.   **c** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
7 It costs ___ a year to study at the school.
   a $2,000   **b** $12,000   **c** $20,000