

I. Read the text and choose T or F.

An Education Like No Other

Gever Tulley is a computer scientist from California. In 2005, he started a summer programme for children called Tinkering School. The idea was that children can learn important skills for life by building things together. Gever Tulley and his team help the children to think big and create plans for innovative things they want to build. Children have made fantastic things since the school started. They have built a rollercoaster. They have made a rope bridge from plastic shopping bags. They have made tree houses, wooden motorbikes and boats.

Gever Tulley's ideas have worked very well. A lot of children have gone to his summer schools over the years. In 2011, Gever Tulley and a colleague decided to create a 'real' school, called Brightworks, in San Francisco. The school is very small - it only has 20 students aged 6-13. Brightworks is based on the same principles as Tinkering School.

Since it started, Brightworks has been written about a lot. Most articles have been very positive, praising the quality of the school. They have found the children are more motivated than many other schools. But since the beginning of the school there have also been critical voices. Some people have said that children are not learning enough at Brightwork. They feel students and teachers are just 'playing around' all the time.

The students at Brightworks seem to love their school. We spoke to 12-year-old Tina Cooper. She has been a student at the school since last October. 'Since I started here, I've never sat in a "normal" class with a teacher,' she told us. 'But it's been a very exciting experience. I've worked hard at my new school for eight months now, and there hasn't been one single moment when I found it boring. Before, I was bored quite often.'

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| 1) <i>Tinkering School</i> is an after-school workshop that began in 2005. | T / F |
| 2) Children are encouraged to come up with large scale projects. | T / F |
| 3) <i>Tinkering School</i> has become very popular with the passing of time. | T / F |
| 4) <i>Brightworks</i> has received more negative feedback than positive. | T / F |
| 5) Tina Cooper finds her new school is challenging but interesting. | T / F |

II. Choose the correct word or phrase.

Going Down

Most people (1) _____ hold their breath for a bit longer than a minute – long enough to dive down about four metres to the bottom of a swimming pool. (2) _____, in April 2009, Sara Campbell went much (3) _____ than that. She held her breath for over three and a half minutes and (4) _____ the world free-diving champion by diving ninety-six metres (5) _____ the surface of the sea. Free diving can be really (6) _____ – fifty people a year die doing this sport. What is more extraordinary is that Sara only started diving (7) _____ she was thirty-three years old. Sara knows that her mental strength is as important as her physical strength. She is a talented diver and she is fitter than ever (8) _____. She's also (9) _____ to go further in this sport. She still (10) _____ the limits of her possibilities.

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1)	a) could	b) would	c) can
2)	a) In addition	b) But	c) And
3)	a) deeper	b) lower	c) lowest
4)	a) has become	b) became	c) become
5)	a) below	b) above	c) on
6)	a) amazing	b) dangerous	c) fun
7)	a) whenever	b) while	c) when
8)	a) after	b) before	c) again
9)	a) determined	b) stubborn	c) unwilling
10)	a) haven't found	b) didn't find	c) hasn't found