

Complete the text with these words

curriculum fail hard difficulty late learn long advanced
pass practise regularly study tests

I play the piano and I go to a special music school. Our 1) _____ is a little different from normal schools. We 2) _____ a lot of the same subjects in the morning – maths, English and art for example. In the afternoon, I 3) _____ the piano. Fortunately, don't have any 4) _____ playing the musical instrument. We study music at 5) _____ level. We work really 6) _____ because we know we are really lucky to be at this school. There are 7) _____ every month – and one really big one at the end of the year. No one wants to 8) _____. – if you do, you have to repeat the year. Before this test everyone stays up 9) _____ and spends 10) _____ hours studying. In my opinion you have to 11) _____ little and often. It's better to study 12) _____ than to leave everything until the night before the test! If you don't look over your notes and practise every day, you won't 13) _____ the exam.

Word building

- 1) When we have PE lessons at school, everyone is very **COMPETE**.
- 2) Our Social Studies teacher is very **COURAGE** and all of us are **INTEREST** in this subject very much.
- 3) I moved to another school this year. In my new school I find Maths tasks more **CHALLENGE** than in my previous school (предыдущий).
- 4) My deskmate has got vivid **IMAGINE** and she does well in creative subjects like Music, Art and Drawing.
- 5) During the **PREPARE** for Pushkin's week we learn **CHALLENGE** monologues by heart.
- 6) When a teacher is too strict and angry it is very **COURAGE**.
- 7) 10. I feel that I need to **WIDE** my **KNOW** of this subject.
- 8) 11. She is an active **PARTICIPATE** of all **CURRICULUM** activities.

I will learn about a different type of school.

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Listen and read. What time does Anna's school finish?

CONTENT WORDS
behave curriculum gathering information
memorizing facts pace

A School Day with a Difference



"Moi, Sofial" "Terve, Aleksil" That's how students and teachers say hello to each other at Anna Hansson's school in Finland. Students at this school call their teachers by their first names. Anna shouts "Moi" to her friends, too, when she arrives at school at 7:45 in the morning. She's been a student there since first grade, so she knows everybody.

Anna's school is different from most schools in Europe and the United States. First, Anna and her classmates decide, along with their teacher, what their weekly activities will be. Also, students work at their own pace and don't always do the same things. Some may be doing math, and others might be doing something practical. This month, Anna has practiced cooking and making a magazine in different workshops.

Anna and her classmates don't learn by memorizing facts. Working together and gathering information is more important in this system. They ask their teacher for help whenever they need it. Students are generally very focused and active, and the teacher doesn't have to tell them to behave.

Chores have always been part of the curriculum at Anna's school. They include taking care of plants, collecting trash, recycling, and composting. Students also help in the library and in the kitchen.

School is over by two o'clock. Most parents work, so in the afternoon, there are clubs and hobby groups before students go home. Students can study Japanese, learn an instrument, and do arts and crafts. When Anna returns home in the evening, she's free to do what she likes because she hardly ever has any homework!



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Look at the passage and complete the sentences.

- 1 Anna and her classmates can _____ what they will do in school every week.
- 2 Bad behavior isn't a problem because students are usually _____.
- 3 _____ like collecting trash are part of the school curriculum.
- 4 Anna is free to _____ after school.