

Teenage Teachers

People may think teenagers are too young to be in charge of a class when they're still students themselves, but that's not true. Sixteen-year-olds are 21 _____ teaching lessons to primary school children in a new government scheme which allows school leavers to 22 _____ as teaching assistants in primary schools.

New rules were recently introduced which have allowed all primary school teachers to have more time during the school day for 23 _____ lessons, but this sometimes means that teachers have less time for teaching. Now teenagers fill the gap. They take a two-year course, starting when they're 14. When they enter the classroom as teachers 24 _____ than students, they have to quickly put into practice the skills they learned 25 _____ they were studying.

The government believes that about 18,000 teenagers could get jobs in this 26 _____. However, many people believe that young teenagers will not make suitable teachers.

21 A currently B newly C previously D recently

22 A be B feel C learn D work

23 A practising B preparing C reading D thinking

24 A even B instead C rather D sooner

25 A except B however C throughout D while

26 A kind B style C type D way