

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.

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| 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 |