Education in China and Britain - Which one is more efficient?!

1.Read the description of a BBC programme and answer the questions

- Why is the Asian Education system considered superior?
- What experiment is a British school setting up?
- What do you think the result will be?

According to the latest studies, Asian countries have better education systems than most Western countries, and in some subjects, Asian students are three years ahead of Western students of the same age.

In this unique experiment, five teachers from China come to a British school for four weeks to teach maths, science, and Mandarin to half of the Year 9 students, aged 13 and 14. The rest of the students in Year 9 will have their normal British teachers. After four weeks, the two groups will take tests to see which teaching style gets better results.

So, can British schools learn from the highly successful Chinese education system? Will the 12-hour days and strict discipline produce better results? Week 1 of the experiment is a shock for the students...

2.Listen to Week 1. Match these times and numbers to the situations shocking for the students

7 am	- The duration of school day, which is very tiring for British students
30 minutes per day	- They clean the classroom before they go home.
50	- They start the day at this time, much earlier than usual.
11.30 am	- They finish lessons, but they can't go home.
5.00 pm	- The amount of students in the class
7.00 pm	- They have lunch, but it's too early for them.
12 hours	- They spend time doing physical exercises every day instead of 2 hours a week

3. 7.8 Listen to Weeks 2 and 3. Tick (✓) the things which are true about the Chinese teachers in the experiment.

1 They teach very quickly.
2 They make students copy from the board.
3 They let students do experiments on their own.
4 They're not surprised by the students' attitude to learning.
5 They try punishing students to make them pay attention.
6 They have problems with disciplining the British students.
7 They expel several students from the class.
8 When they see their method isn't working, they change their approach.
9 They make the children do t'ai chi.
10 They make a good impression on the parents.

4. 7.9 Listen to Week 4 and complete the numbers in the chart. What did the British and Chinese teachers learn?

Test results	Students with British teachers	Students with Chinese teachers
maths	_____%	_____%
science	_____%	_____%
Mandarin	_____%	_____%



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