

READING UNIT 5



CULTURE

Comentado [JPB1]:

A Typical School Day in Australia

1 52 Read and listen to the information about a typical school day in Australia. Fill in the blanks with the words in the box below.

3:30pm 9am December environment four hat
January Japanese science swimming uniform

Students in Australia attend school for approximately 180 days per year. The school year, divided into a _____ terms, runs from late b _____ to mid c _____.

The terms are separated by two-weeks holiday, except the summer vacation, which is from mid December to late January.

The typical school day in Australia starts at d _____ and finishes at e _____. There is a short break in the morning and students have lunch at school. Some schools, however, offer an afternoon break. For those parents who need to leave home for work earlier, morning, after-school and holiday care are available.

In addition to math, English, arts and f _____, students learn about sustainability and the g _____. They also have music, dance and h _____ classes. Most schools offer other languages, such as Indonesian, Mandarin and i _____.

Students have to wear a j _____ and, because the climate in Australia is very harsh, many schools adopt the rule 'no hat, no play,' which means a student can only play outside if he or she wears a k _____.



Australian students playing outside



A typical Australian school

2 Think about school in your country compared to Australia. Is it the same or different? Complete the chart to find out.

school day	Australia	your country
The school year runs from ...	late January to mid December	
There are ... terms.	four	
The school day starts at ...	9am	
The school day finishes at ...	3:30pm	
The subjects taught are ...	Math, English, arts, science and other languages	
Students have to wear a uniform.	Yes	
Students have lunch at school.	Yes	
Special rule	'No hat, no play'	

3 Do you want to change anything in your school routine? What? Why?
