

Focus on Listening

Listen and choose the right item.

1 In Great Britain school begins at the age of

a) 5-6 b) 4-5 c) 6-7

2 The 1st schools to which children go are called

a) *secondary schools* b) *junior schools* c) *infant schools*

3 They leave their primary school when they are

a) 8 b) 11 c) 10

4 They take the national General Certificate in Secondary Education exams at the age of

a) 11 b) 18 c) 16

5 To enter the British university you should

a) *take 'A' level exams* b) *attend preparatory course* c) *take GCSE exams*

Listen again and complete the sentences with the words from the box.

courses	independent	opportunities	advanced	junior	available
public	compulsory	boarding	comprehensive		

1. Primary education includes infant schools and _____ schools.

2. _____ secondary education starts at the age of 11-12 and lasts 5 years.

3. Most British children get their secondary education at _____ school.

4. Many pupils at the age of 16 leave school and go to a college to choose more practical _____.
5. Pupils who decide to enter a university should pass _____ level exams.
6. Secondary education is _____ to all children in Britain.
7. Only less than 5 per cent go to _____ schools.
8. Private schools where pupils of 13-19 years olds study are called _____ schools.
9. The schools where pupils live and study are called _____ schools.
10. Many people believe that children should have equal _____ at the start.

Listen to the conversation. Put 'T' if the statement is true, and 'F' if it is false.

- 1 Mike thinks that the exams were very easy.
- 2 Pete agrees that exams were easy.
- 3 Pete thinks he failed in some exams.
- 4 Pete is going to read books now.
- 5 Mike is going to enter the university in October.
- 6 Pete has got to pass A level exams.
- 7 Pete is very successful in his study.
- 8 Mike likes reading too much.
- 9 Pete doesn't know whether to go to university or join the army.