

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.