



EXTRA MATERIAL

Education vocabularies. Difference between The US and The UK.

In the UK

Children start ¹_____ school when they are five. Before that, many children go to ²_____ school. From 11–18, children go to ³_____ school. Some children go to ⁴_____ schools, where they study, eat, and sleep. School children are usually called ⁵_____ (not “students” which only refers to people who are at university), and the person who is in charge of a school is called the ⁶_____ teacher. The school year is divided into three ⁷_____. Higher education is often called ⁸_____.

In the US

Many children start their education between the ages of two and four in ¹preschool. Once a child turns five, he or she enters the US school system, which is divided into three levels, ²_____ school, middle school (sometimes called junior high school), and ³_____ school. In almost all schools at these levels, children are divided by age groups into ⁴_____. The youngest children begin in ⁵_____ (followed by first grade) and continue until ⁶_____ grade, the final year of high school. The school year is divided into two ⁷_____.



Most US schools (about 75%) are ⁸_____ schools, which means they are supported by US tax dollars and education is free. The other 25% are ⁹_____ schools, where parents have to pay. Many of these schools are ¹⁰_____ schools, where the teachers may be priests or nuns.

If you want to go to ¹¹_____, you have to apply. Admission depends on high school grades, college aptitude test scores, and extracurricular activities. A person who has completed college and has earned a degree is called a college ¹²_____.

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