

Reading

Task 1. Complete the text with the words (a-f). There are two choices you don't need to use

a) subject

b) comprehensive

c) attend

d) A levels

e) language

f) examination

SCHOOLING IN BRITAIN

British children ought to _____⁽¹⁾ school until they are 16 years old.

At the age of 16, students write an _____⁽²⁾ called the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education). All students are tested in Mathematics, English Literature, English Composition, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, History or the Classics, one modern language, and one more _____⁽³⁾, such as Art or Computer Studies.

After completing the GCSE, some students leave school, others enter a technical college, while others continue at high school for two more years and take a further set of standardised exams, known as _____⁽⁴⁾, in three or four subjects. These exams determine whether a student is smart enough for a university.

Task 2. Choose 'true' or 'false'

1. English children may finish school at 16 or 18. True False
2. English children may be tested in PE. True False
3. British exams are called General Certificate of Primary Education. True False
4. English students take A-levels in six subjects: Maths, English, Chemistry, Biology, Physics and History. True False
5. English students may study at the university after taking A-levels. True False
6. At the age of 16 students have to decide whether they want to continue their education. True False