

LESSON School and Education

In this lesson, you will read three texts about school timetables around the world. Then, you will answer questions and complete a task to show your understanding of the text.

TEXT 1 School Days Around the World

Education is not the same around the world. Day-to-day life can be very different in other countries. Some of the differences might seem strange to us, but some might seem **pretty** amazing. Here is a **glimpse** of what school looks like elsewhere in the world.

Finland

Students in Finland have seventy-five minutes' worth of breaks. It is believed that children do not learn if they do not play. Students have to play, even if it's cold. School principals in Finland believe play is more important than homework!

United Kingdom

Schools in the United Kingdom often start around 9am. One school in London even moved their start time to 0am after research showed that students learn better later in the morning. Once they get to school, students refer to their teachers as Mr or Ms and their **surname**. Teachers are never called by their first names.

France

The school day in France usually starts at 8am and ends at 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There is no school on Wednesday in France. However, students also have a half day in school on a Saturday. Students in France also have a two-hour break for lunch, every school day.



Education can be very different around the world.

VOCABULARY

pretty: quite but not extremely

glimpse: to see or experience something for a very short time

surname: a family name

Instructions: Use the information in **TEXT 1** to answer the questions below. Read the questions, and choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, or **C**.

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| 1 | What do school principals in Finland believe? A Homework is more important than play B Play is more important than homework C There should be no school on Wednesday |
| 2 | In France, students have a half day in school on a _____. A Saturday B Friday C Wednesday |