

Práctica² con el Presente Simple

Put the words in order.

0) for / children / often / a computer / school work / use

Children often use a computer for school work.

1) a computer / at home / pupils / have / often

School pupils _____

2) play / a computer / teenagers / sometimes / CDs / on

Teenagers _____

3) are / schools / in / UK / there / computers / in / usually / the

There _____

4) prefer / for / games / people / often / PlayStation / the / playing

People _____

5) never / these / people / send / days / most / letters

Most people _____

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in box.

exist

like

score

reach

explain

punish

believe

Most people think that girls are better students than boys. In England, girls score higher marks in tests in most subjects and at most ages. At the age of seven, 88% of girls reach the expected level for their age, but only 80% of boys do. By the age of 11, the difference is 80% to 69%, and the gap is wider at 14 years old. A similar situation exists in the USA and many other countries. However, two American researchers, William Draves and Julia Coates, believe that it is not the boys who are the problem, but the schools. Their book, Night Shift: Work, Life and Education in the 21st Century explains that in fact boys are better prepared for the future. Boys are more interested in computers and the Internet. They like taking risks, and thinking about ways of making money and teamwork—things that are important for success at work. The problem is that schools punish boys for this behavior because they are bad at listening and following instructions.



Make the underlined verbs negative.

0) Boys study more than girls at school.

Boys don't study more than girls.

1) The average boy scores higher marks in tests.

At seven, 12 % of girls reach the expected level.

2) The researchers say that boys do badly at school because they are less intelligent.

Some boys listen well to their teachers.

3) William Draves thinks that boys are the problem.

Use the prompts to write questions.

0) Water boils at 100° C. And oil?

Does oil boil at 100° C?

1) Iron reacts with oxygen (to form rust). And gold?

No, pure gold does not react with oxygen.

2) A scientist makes important discoveries. And a doctor?

Yes, he does.

3) Chemists work in laboratories. And physicists?

Yes, they do.

4) Many plants contain chlorophyll. And animals?

No, they don't.

5) Chemists also study math. And physicists?

Yes, they do.