

PROGRESS TEST 1

Read the passage and choose the correct answer to each question.

Many people now think that teachers give pupils too much homework. They say that it is unnecessary for children to work at home in their free time. Moreover, they argue that most teachers do not properly plan the homework task they give to pupils. The result is that pupils have to repeat tasks which they have already done at school.

Recently in Greece many parents complained about the difficult homework which teachers gave to their children. The parents said that most of the homework was a waste of time, and they wanted to stop it. Spain and Turkey are two countries which stopped homework recently. In Denmark, Germany and several other countries in Europe, teachers cannot set homework at weekends. In Holland, teachers allow pupils to stay at school to do their homework. The children are free to help one another. Similar arrangements also exist in some British schools.

Most people agree that homework is unfair. A pupil who can do his homework in a quiet and comfortable room is in a much better position than a pupil who does his homework in a small, noisy room with the television on. Some parents help their children with their homework. Other parents take no interest at all in the children's homework.

It is important, however, that teachers talk to parents about homework. A teacher should suggest suitable tasks for parents to do with their children. Parents are often better at teaching their own children.

26. According to the writer, many parents would like their children _____
- A. to do homework at school only
 - B. to have less homework
 - C. to do more difficult homework
 - D. to do homework both at school and at home
27. According to many parents, _____
- A. children are too lazy to do their homework X
 - B. teachers do not set enough homework X
 - C. children shouldn't be given marks for homework
 - D. a lot of homework has not been planned properly
28. Greek parents thought _____.
- A. their children's homework was too easy
 - B. their children's homework was useful
 - C. their children's homework was useless
 - D. more time should be allowed for homework
29. In some countries in Europe, _____.
- A. teachers cannot have their pupils do their homework at weekends
 - B. few people think homework should be given to children only at weekends
 - C. teachers are allowed to give homework to children only at weekends
 - D. most people agree that it is fair to have children do their homework at home

30. Which statement is NOT true?
- A. In some schools in Britain, children can do their homework at school and help one another.
 - B. Only a small number of people think homework is fair.
 - C. Teachers should advise parents about how to work together with their children at home.
 - D. All parents show great interest in their children's homework.

VIII. WRITING

Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences.

31. a / Mr. David / architect or / an / Is / driver?

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32. my brother. / than / more / carefully / I / drive

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33. This / room / cleaned / every day. / be / should

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34. to / play volleyball. / is / enough / He / tall

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Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first

35. Going swimming in the river in summer is interesting.

It is very

36. What is the price of a bottle of cooking oil?

How much.....

Complete the second sentence using the word given so that it has the same meaning to the first

37. Nga likes playing basketball in the morning. (INTERESTED)

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38. My father went to work by car some years ago, but now he goes by bus. (USED TO)

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