

My New School Is Fantastic

Read the text

Rita Nelson is fourteen, and she has changed her school because her parents moved to another town this summer.

“Let me tell you about my new school. I’m having a great time. All pupils are very friendly, but it’s very different from my old school. I can tell you! First of all school starts at 8.00 here, a whole hour before it did in my previous school. This morning I forgot about it and got to school ten minutes late, so the teacher put a note into my record-book. I was really angry!

There are a lot of other differences in this school, of course. We have seven lessons here almost every day. What else? The school day is different, too. In my former school we finished school at 3.00, and then most pupils went home. Here we finish lessons at 3.30, and then most pupils go to sports practice. Well, they love sports here.

I joined gymnastics and football clubs here. A lot of girls play football in this school. I had my first practice yesterday, and I feel tired today.

Another important thing here is learning to do practical things. Their metal and wood shops are like small factories, and we are taught to drive as well. It’s fantastic. I had my first lesson in driving a tractor yesterday.”

Do the tasks

Exercise 1. Choose the right answer.

- 1) Rita Nelson is _____
 - a) 13
 - b) 14
 - c) 15
- 2) Lessons in Rita’s previous school started at
 - a) 7 o’clock
 - b) 8 o’clock
 - c) 9 o’clock
- 3) Rita has _____ lessons every day.
 - a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 7
- 4) Rita’s lessons are over at
 - a) 3. 00
 - b) 3.30
 - c) 4.00
- 5) After lessons most pupils go
 - a) to sports practice
 - b) home
 - c) for a walk

Exercise 2. Name the things in Rita's new school that are different from her previous school.
Choose, yes or no

1. Number of pupils in Rita's class. ____
2. Time when the lessons begin. ____
3. Time when the lessons end. ____
4. Number of subjects in the timetable. ____
5. Number of lessons every day. ____

Exercise 3. True or false?

1. Rita doesn't like her new school. ____
2. Today Rita came to school in time. ____
3. Student don't love sports in the new school. ____
4. Many girls play football in the new school. ____
5. Rita likes to drive a tractor. ____

Exercise 4. Answer the questions on the text "My New School Is Fantastic".

1. Why has Rita changed her school?

2. When do the lessons begin?

3. Why did the teacher put a note into Rita's record-book?

4. What clubs did she join?

5. What games do girls play in her new school?

6. What practical things are the children taught?

Exercise 5. Write about practical things that you are taught to do in your school.