



## Hogwarts – A Magical Education

The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is a famous school from the Harry Potter books. It is a magical school where young witches and wizards go to learn magic. In some ways, Hogwarts is similar to traditional British (1)\_\_\_\_ schools, but there are also some big differences.

Like British boarding schools, Hogwarts is a residential school, which means the students live there during the school (2)\_\_\_\_. The students are divided into different (3)\_\_\_\_, which is a common practice at traditional British schools. At Hogwarts, there are four houses: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff. Students live, eat, and compete in different activities with the members of their own house.

However, Hogwarts is quite different from a normal British school in the subjects that are taught. Instead of studying regular subjects like (4)\_\_\_\_, Science, and Geography, students at Hogwarts learn magical subjects such as Potions, Defense Against the Dark Arts, and Transfiguration. Potions is like chemistry, but students learn how to mix magical ingredients to create special effects. Defense Against the Dark Arts teaches students how to protect themselves from dark (5)\_\_\_\_ and dangerous creatures. Transfiguration is the magical skill of turning one object into another.

Another difference between Hogwarts and traditional British schools is the final exams that students take. At Hogwarts, students take their O.W.L.s (Ordinary Wizarding Levels) in their fifth year, which is similar to the (6)\_\_\_\_ that British students take at around the same age. However, the O.W.L.s are magical exams, testing students on their ability to perform spells and use magic properly. For example, in the Charms exam, students are asked to make objects fly using a spell, while in the Herbology exam, they might need to take care of magical (7)\_\_\_\_.

In their seventh and final year, students at Hogwarts take the N.E.W.T.s (Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Tests), which are even harder than the O.W.L.s. These exams are very important because the students' future (8)\_\_\_\_ depend on how well students perform in their N.E.W.T.s. Students who pass their N.E.W.T.s with high marks can go on to work in special magical careers, such as being an Auror, who works to catch dark wizards.

Overall, while Hogwarts shares some similarities with British boarding schools, the magical (9)\_\_\_\_ and exams make it a unique place of education. Students at Hogwarts not only learn valuable life lessons but also leave school with a deep knowledge of the magical (10)\_\_\_\_.

### Word Bank

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