

## Finland's No-Homework Schools

Imagine a school where you don't have to do homework after classes. Sounds like a dream, right? Well, in Finland, this dream is a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ for some students! Finland has one of the most unique education systems in the world, and many schools there do not assign any homework. Finnish teachers believe students can learn everything they need in school, during the regular school day.

Why do some Finnish schools (2)\_\_\_\_\_ homework? Finnish educators think students should have time to rest, play, and spend time with family and friends after school. They believe that students learn best when they are not tired or stressed. So, instead of sitting at home for hours working on homework, students in Finland spend their afternoons and evenings relaxing, playing sports, or exploring their (3)\_\_\_\_\_. Finnish teachers also think that students are better prepared for the next day's classes when they have time to enjoy life outside of school.

In a typical Finnish school day, classes are short, usually lasting around 45 minutes, with many (4)\_\_\_\_\_ in between. Students can play outside, relax, or socialize with friends during these breaks, which helps them stay energized. Teachers focus on making classes interesting and fun so that students learn actively. This (5)\_\_\_\_\_ is very different from the systems in many other countries, where students often have long school days and lots of homework. In Finland, students only go to school for about five hours a day.

Another surprising fact about Finnish schools is that they rarely have big (6)\_\_\_\_\_ or tests. Finnish teachers believe in assessing students through smaller projects, presentations, and regular class activities. Teachers closely (7)\_\_\_\_\_ each student's progress, so they know where each one needs extra help or practice. This approach helps students feel less stressed, and they are able to concentrate on learning rather than worrying about test scores.

Does the "no homework" rule work? It seems so! Finnish students are consistently (8)\_\_\_\_\_ among the best in the world in reading, math, and science, even without lots of homework. Many education (9)\_\_\_\_\_ around the world are impressed by Finland's results and want to know more about how they do it.

In short, Finland's unique approach to education gives students more freedom and time for themselves after school. They believe that a happy, rested student will learn better than a stressed, tired one. So, the next time you feel (10)\_\_\_\_\_ by homework, just remember that there's a place where students are learning successfully — without homework!



### Word Bank

experts, monitor, breaks, happens, skip, ranked, overwhelmed, reality, method, hobbies, exams