

Unit 05

Free School Lunches



Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 What do you usually have for lunch at school?
- 2 Do you bring your lunch from home, or does your school give you lunch?
- 3 Is the food free, or do students have to pay for it?

Introducing the Topic

The first free school lunch program in the United States started in 1946. Today, most schools in the United States give students lunches at low cost. Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic, and a few other countries provide free lunches. This helps all students get the food they need in school.

Learning about the Topic

Should school lunches be free?

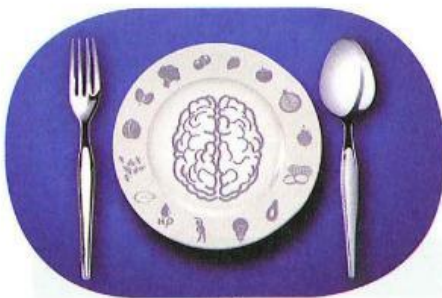


Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

In many countries, the government provides free public education. Students can attend these schools for free. But should these schools also give free lunches, or should they ask students to pay for them?

School Lunches Should Be Free

For one, free lunches help low-**income** students. Some families have less money than others. These families cannot **afford** school lunches. If lunches are free, students from these families can eat healthy meals at school just like all the other students. Second, free lunches will help students get



better grades. With free lunches, all students get a **nutritious** meal. Food gives our brains energy, and this will lead to better academic performances. For instance, when schools in Britain gave free lunches to all their students, their **overall** performance improved a lot.

Students Should Pay for Lunches

First, schools cannot afford free lunches. If students are not paying, schools have to pay for lunches. For example, the South Korean government said that people should pay more **taxes** to give free lunches to students. Not everyone wants to pay more taxes. Without money, schools cannot give free lunches. Additionally, free lunches can give the students the wrong idea. They get free food without doing anything. One famous saying is, “There’s no such thing as a free lunch.” This means that nothing in life is free. Free lunches will not teach the students this important lesson.



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Vocabulary Check

Chọn câu trả lời thích hợp cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

nutritious

overall

taxes

income

afford

1. This shirt is expensive. I can't _____ to buy it.
2. When you make money, you have to pay _____.
3. Fruits are more _____ than candy bars.
4. His _____ last year was \$50,000.
5. This test will measure your _____ English skills.

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Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. What is true about public schools in many countries?
 - a. They give their students free lunches.
 - b. They are free to attend.
2. How do school lunches help students have better grades?
 - a. They help them spend less money on food.
 - b. They provide energy to the brains of students.
3. What do schools need to do to give students free lunches?
 - a. Ask the parents to cook meals
 - b. Pay for the lunches instead of students
4. What bad message can free lunches teach students?
 - a. That they can get something without working for it
 - b. That good things come to those who wait

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