

Putting words together...



- ▶ If you **take** an **exam**, you do an exam. If you **pass** an **exam**, you have a good result and have reached the necessary standard and if you **fail** an **exam**, you do badly and have not reached the standard.
- ▶ If a child **goes to** a particular **school**, that is the school where they go every day.
- ▶ If you **do a course in** a particular subject (UK) or **take a course in** a subject (US), you do a set of classes in that subject.

- ▶ If you **get good grades**, teachers write numbers or marks on your work that show that the work is good.
- ▶ If you **are good at** a subject, you know a lot about it or can do it well.
- ▶ If you **do your homework**, you do the work that your teacher gives you to do at home.

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences.

- 1 If she doesn't work a bit harder, she'll fail her exams.
- 2 I'm interested in taking a _____ in English.
- 3 My younger sister still _____ to school.
- 4 Mark is going to study Spanish at university – he's really _____ at languages.
- 5 Lisa is doing _____ into the effects of the drug.
- 6 At the end of the course, you _____ an exam.

Asking about someone's education



To ask about when someone was a child, you can say:

- ▶ *Where did you go to school? Did you work hard? Were you a good pupil? What subjects were you good at? What subjects did you like?*

To ask about someone's university education, you can say:

- ▶ *What's your degree in?*

To ask about someone's plans for the future, you can say:

- ▶ *What do you plan to study? Where will you go to college?*

Exercise 4



Listen to and read the following dialogues. Are the following sentences (1–6) true (T) or false (F)?

Paul: Where did you go to school, Daniel?

Daniel: I went to my local school in Sydney.

Paul: Were you a good pupil?

Daniel: Not really – I was quite lazy. I was often in trouble for not writing essays or doing my homework.

Paul: What subjects were you good at?

Daniel: Well, I got good grades in Art. I really liked Art. In fact, it was the only class I worked hard in!

Emma: You want to go to university, don't you, Rosa? What do you plan to study?

Rosa: I'm hoping to study History, if I pass my exams.

Emma: I'm sure you will – you work so hard! Where will you study?

Rosa: Probably in my home town in Oregon, so I can live with my parents. What's your degree in, Emma?

Emma: I studied French and Russian at Cornell University.

- 1 Daniel went to a school that was a long way from his home. F
- 2 Daniel always did the work that his teacher gave him to do. _____
- 3 Daniel was good at Art. _____
- 4 Rosa has passed her exams and is going to university. _____

- 5 Rosa wants to go to university in Oregon. _____
- 6 Emma has a degree in French and Spanish. _____

Use the words you've learned...

Talk or write about the courses you have done or the exams you have taken, or talk or write about what you plan to study in the future.