READING

1 **Read the first paragraph of the article. Do you think the flipped classroom sounds like a good idea? Why / why not?**

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THE FLIPPED CLASSROOM

What's it all about?

In a normal classroom, the teacher stands at the front of the room and gives a lesson and the students listen and take notes. Then they go home and do their homework. In a flipped classroom, everything is the other way around. Students study at home from a textbook or online videos, and then discuss the topic and do 'homework' exercises or projects in class. Lots of schools are trying it, but is it a good idea? We spoke to a teacher and two students to find out more.

Penny – *teacher*

The flipped classroom is hard work for the teacher, especially at the beginning. You have to make videos of every topic in the textbook for the students to watch on their computers at home. That takes a really long time! But it means I can spend time in class helping students one-to-one. I love that – I wasn't able to do it before.

Caitlin – *student*

I love coming into the classroom ready to talk about the topic and feeling I understand it. In a normal class, I often feel nervous, because if I don't understand, I have to ask the teacher to stop the lesson and explain. But with a video, I can watch it as many times as I like until I understand it. It's great!

Dylan – *student*

We tried the flipped classroom for one term in maths, but there were a few problems. Some students didn't watch the videos before the lesson, so they couldn't do the exercises in class. Also, when the teacher was going round helping people, we found it really easy to stop working and just chat. We did a test at the end of the term and we all got terrible marks. I usually pass every test, but I failed that one.

2 **Read the article and answer the questions. Write *P* (Penny), *C* (Caitlin) or *D* (Dylan).**

Who said this about the flipped classroom?

1 I If I need to, I can repeat parts of the lesson.
2 I like being able to explain things during the lesson.
3 Lots of us spent too much time talking to each other.
4 There were people who did not prepare for the classes.
5 I don't have to be scared about what's going to happen in the lesson.
6 Getting everything ready wasn't easy.

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3 **In pairs, discuss the questions.**

1 What do you think are the best/worst things about flipped classrooms?
2 Would you like to try it? For which subjects?

PREPARE SECOND EDITION LEVEL 2

UNIT 19 VIDEO

SCHOOL LIFE ▶ 14

1 ▶ 14 **Watch the film about school life and answer the questions.**

1 How many questions does Alex ask the students? *4 / 5 / 6*
2 Are the students generally positive or negative about their school?

2 ▶ 14 **Match what the students say (1–6) with their photos (A–C). Write the letters. Then watch the first part of the film and check your answers.**







1 I like meeting people from all over the world who come here. .....
2 I like the family atmosphere. .....
3 In my year there are about 15. .....
4 … it's never boring. .....
5 There are seven children in my year. .....
6 There's about 95 pupils here. .....

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 14 **Tick (✔) the subjects that the students mention that they study. Then watch the next part of the film and check your answers.**

dance	☐	geography	☐
drama/acting	☐	history	☐
English	☐	maths	☐
French	☐	singing	☐

4 14 **What do the students say about their teachers? Watch the last part of the film again and complete what they say with the words in the box.**

experience	nice (x2)	creative	friendly	helpful

Georgina: … the teachers have had a lot of **(1)** .....

Michael: The teachers are very **(2)** ..... and are very **(3)** ..... with our lessons.

Laura: They're all really **(4)** ....., and **(5)** ..... and **(6)** .....

TALKING POINTS

14 **Watch the video about a school called Redroofs. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.**

What do you like about your school?

Is your school bigger or smaller than Redroofs?

How many children are in your year?

What subjects do you study?

What are your teachers like?

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