

We are going to learn about school and university subjects. But first, we need to understand how we name each phase of school life in English. There are different school systems in English speaking countries, so this is a table comparing the UK, the USA and Estonia. Read carefully:

| In Estonia                        | In the UK                                | In the USA                            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| lasteaed (1,5 to 7 years old)     | nursery school (3-5 years old)           | Kindergarten (3 to 6 years old)       |
| 1. kooliaste (7 to 9 years old)   | Primary school (5 to 10 years old)       | Elementary school (6 to 11 years old) |
| 2. kooliaste (10 to 12 years old) |                                          |                                       |
| 3. kooliaste (13 to 15 years old) | Lower-secondary school (11-14 years old) | Junior high (12 to 13 years old)      |
| Gümnaasium (16 to 18 years old)   | Upper-secondary (15 to 18 years old)     | High school (14 to 17 years old)      |
| ülikool                           | University / vocational school / college | university                            |

**Task 1. Look at these subjects. Where do you usually study them for the first time - at nursery school, primary school, secondary school or at university? Make the table in your notebook.**

architecture

art

biology

business studies

chemistry

computer science

drama

engineering

~~English~~

geography

history

law

literature

maths

media studies

medicine

music

PE (physical education)

physics

psychology

| nursery | primary | secondary | university   |
|---------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| art     | English | biology   | architecture |
|         |         |           |              |

Task 2a. Mark the stress on each word in task 1 that has more than one syllable.

Example: architecture

**Task 2b. Listen, check the stress and repeat the words you hear.** [Click here to listen.](#)

**Task 3. Listen to four teachers giving instructions and asking questions. What subject is each one teaching?** [Click here to listen.](#)

1. ....

3. ....

2. ....

4. ....

**Task 4. Speaking. Work with your partner. Ask these questions.**

1. Which of these subjects in task 3 you do/don't like?
2. Would you like to study any of these subjects in the future?
3. Which of these subjects do you think will be useful in life after school/university?

**WORDS CONNECTED WITH STUDYING****Task 5. Complete the sentences using these words.**

assessment      assignment      coursework      essay      fail  
mark/grade      scholarship      terms      timetable      resit

1. In my last history class I wrote a(n) ..... about the Roman Empire.
2. 9 out of 10 is a really good .....
3. I didn't do the exam very well so next week I'll probably need to ..... it.
4. What lesson do we have now? I didn't bring my .....
5. My sister doesn't pay the full amount for her studies because they gave her a(n) .....
6. When you get less than 50% in an exam you usually .....
7. Our school year is divided into three .....
8. The teachers evaluate us by looking at our exams and the work we do all year, which is called our .....
9. We are going to do a(n) ..... on Shakespeare. We have a month to prepare it and then we present it.
10. Exams are not usually the only form of ..... at school.

**Task 6. Speaking. Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions.**

1. What is your school timetable for Tuesday? What do you think of it?
2. Which is your favourite term and why?
3. What's your best mark in an exam this year?
4. Did you have to resit any exams last year? Which ones?
5. Do you prefer assessment with exams or with coursework? Why?
6. What was the last essay the you wrote?
7. How often do you get assignments? In what subjects?