

I. Choose the right title.

Belarusian schoolchildren begin their education at the age of 6-7. A child can start learning at age 5 if he **passes** the test by teachers. It is very rare to start school at 5 years old.

The academic year starts on September 1st.

Each class has a **responsible** teacher (class teacher).

Elementary school includes from 1st to 4th **grade**. Children learn to read, write, use **scissors** and glue, go in for sports and handmade, play outside on the playground.

Secondary school goes 5 years. From this age, children begin to study IT, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and other subjects. Mathematics, Physical Education, Crafts, Art, Belarusian, Russian and English languages always **remain mandatory**. They are taught from elementary school.

In grades 9 and 11, children take final exams.

in 1st and 2nd grade there are **additional** holidays. The rest of the children from grades 3 to 11 have holidays 4 times a year.

In autumn the holidays are 1 week, in winter- 2 weeks, in spring- 1 week, but in summer - 3 months.

The academic year ends May 31st.

pass	'pɑ:s	сдавать (успешно, об экзаменах)
responsible	rɪs 'pɒnsəbl	ответственный
elementary	,ɛlɪ 'mentəri	начальный
include	ɪn 'klu:d	включать
grade	greɪd	класс (синоним Form)
scissors	'sɪzəz	ножницы
Secondary	'sekəndəri	средний
remain		
mandatory	rɪ 'meɪn 'mændətəri	оставаться обязательным
additional	ə 'dɪʃənl	дополнительный

II. Questions:

1. At what age can a kid go to school in Belarus? _____
2. How many children start school at age 5? _____
3. What are children taught in elementary school? _____
4. What are the new school subjects from the 5th grade? _____
5. How many holidays a year do children have? _____

III. Quiz:

- 1) The school year starts on the _____.
- 2) Elementary school includes _____.
- 3) There are _____ mandatory subjects.
- 4) In the _____ grade children have additional holidays.
- 5) The academic year ends on the _____.