UNIVERSITY ADMMISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD

What do you need to do to get into a university? Actually, it depends on where you live. Let's look at university admissions in four countries: **Austria**, Turkey, the **United Kingdom**, and the United States.

In Austria

In Austria, getting into a university is very simple. Getting into a university in Austria depends completely on a student's score on a national achievement exam.[2] Subjects on this exam include German, mathematics, and a foreign language. Students who pass this exam can go to a university in Austria.

In Turkey

In Turkey, high school students take a national achievement exam in March. If they pass that exam, they take another exam in June. Getting into a Turkish university depends mostly on these exam scores, but universities also consider high school grades. In Turkey, students usually study very hard for the national exam. If they don't pass the exam, they can't go to university.

In the United Kingdom

Students in the United Kingdom take achievement exams when they are 16, 17, and 18 years old. Universities consider a student's scores on all of these exams. Students also provide[3] a very short personal statement, a reference letter from one teacher, and information about their extracurricular activities.[4]

In the United States

The university admissions system in the United States is quite different from those in Austria, Turkey, and the UK. Most universities in the United States consider a student's score on a special aptitude test called the SAT. Unlike an achievement exam, an aptitude test measures a student's ability to learn. It does not measure a student's knowledge of school subjects. Most universities also look at a student's high school grades, an admissions essay, and several reference letters. Extracurricular activities, such as sports, clubs, and volunteer work, are also very important. Students often do many activities in high school so they can get into a good university.

1. **Understanding.**
   Read the article again. What are the differences in university admissions? Write the information in the chart below.

AUSTRIA	
TURKEY	
THE UNITED KINGDOM	
THE UNITED STATES	

2. **Comprehension.**
   Write T (true) or F (false) based on the information in the reading.

a. Austrian universities don't consider a student's high school grades. _____
b. In Turkey, high school grades are more important than test scores. _____
c. Students in the UK take more than one achievement exam. _____
d. Joining clubs in high school can help you get into a university in the USA. _____
e. Universities in Austria and the UK don't consider student's grades. _____
f. Students in Turkey take an aptitude exam instead of an achievement exam. _____
g. Extracurricular activities are important in Austria. _____

3. **Vocabulary.**
   Choose the correct words to complete the paragraph.

ability **knowledge** **measures** **quite** **subjects**

In my country, students take achievement exams in different _____ such as history, science and foreign language. Each achievement exam tests the student's _____ in that area. And aptitude exam is _____ different. This type of exam _____ a student's _____ to read, write, and solve problems.