

Schools around the world

Read the text. Match the paragraphs A-E with the headlines 1-6. Put your answers into the table. There is one extra heading.

A

There are many types of schools in the world. Some are expensive, private boarding schools, like Rugby School in England where the game of rugby was **invented!** There are also specialist schools, like drama schools, dance schools or the 40 acrobatic schools in Wuqiao, China. It might sound like fun, but, as 13-year-old Zhang Li explains, "Our **training** starts at 5:30 am. It's very hard, but these **skills** will help me **2) win/get/take/earn** a living when I leave." There are also a wide range of school subjects at different schools. At Holden High School in the USA, subjects include comic book art, photography, song writing and yoga.

B

At a school in the Annapurna mountains in Nepal, classes don't start until 10 am because a lot of students have to walk for about an hour to get there. In Japan, it isn't **unusual** for students to **3) pass/need/spend/be** two hours or more getting to school on **public transport**. "It's not so bad," says 15-year-old Keiko from Tokyo. "I sometimes sleep or study on the train, and it's a great way to catch **4) up/on/from/together** with my friends."

C

The average high school day in the UK and the US is 6.5 hours. Students in Korea and Greece, **5) therefore/however/moreover/thus**, are not so lucky! After school they **attend** extra classes in private schools. "On a typical day," says Jie Kim from Seoul, South Korea, "I don't get home until midnight, but if I

don't study hard, I won't **6) get/be/go/apply** into a good university."

D

All schools have rules, but sometimes they are really **strict**. At Eton College, a very famous boys' boarding school in England, the students have a **smart** but very **old-fashioned uniform** with a long jacket, dark trousers and smart shirt. In Japan, everyone has to **participate** in 'o soji', or the cleaning of the school, before they go home, whereas at Summerhill School in England, it's the students who **7) put/say/ make/give** the rules!

E

So, is your school better or worse than schools in other parts of the world? No matter what your answer is, we shouldn't forget that 300 million children in the world don't have any school to go to. So even if you'd like to change some things about your school, you really are one of the lucky ones!

A	B	C	D	E

1. Home Schooling
2. To and From School
3. School Rules
4. Education or No Education
5. Schools of Every Shape and Size
6. Studying Hours