

I can talk about my school

A School subjects



chemistry



physics



biology

$$280 \div x = 14$$

maths



ICT



geography



history



literature



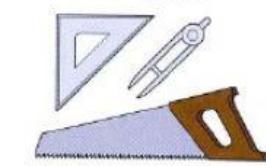
music



art



PE



design and technology



modern languages

Chemistry, physics, biology, etc. are school **subjects**.

ICT = information communication technology
PE = physical education

RE = religious education

spotlight *be good at something*

If you are **good at** something, you do it well.
If you are **terrible at** it, you do it very badly.

I'm (quite) good at languages.

I'm terrible at maths.

1 Complete the words.

► <u>a</u> rt	3 <u>b</u> _ <u>l</u> _ <u>g</u> _	6 <u>m</u> _ <u>th</u> _
1 <u>h</u> _ <u>st</u> _ <u>ry</u>	4 <u>d</u> _ <u>s</u> _ <u>gn</u>	7 <u>m</u> _ <u>s</u> _ <u>c</u>
2 <u>g</u> _ <u>gr</u> _ <u>ph</u> _	5 <u>ph</u> _ <u>s</u> _ <u>cs</u>	8 <u>l</u> _ <u>t</u> _ <u>r</u> _ <u>t</u> _ <u>r</u> _

2 Write the name of a school subject.

► Beethoven, jazz, <u>music</u>	4 Spanish, German
1 football, gym	5 church, mosque, etc.
2 computers	6 CO ₂ , H ₂ O
3 Shakespeare	7 Picasso, Monet

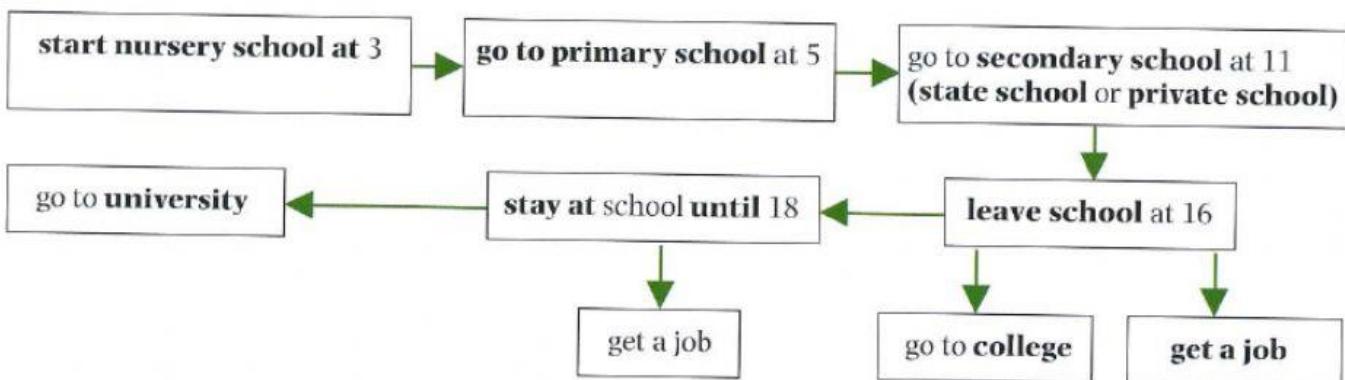
3 ABOUT YOU Circle the correct verb form. Complete the sentences about yourself.

- 1 At school, I'm/I was good at
- 2 I'm/I was quite good at
- 3 I'm/I was terrible at
- 4 We don't/didn't study
- 5 The subject I like/liked most is/was

B The education system

Education in England and Wales

You can ...



Some **pupils** (= schoolchildren up to the age of 16) wear a **uniform**.

5 Put the story in order.

- a where he learnt to read and write.
- b He stayed there until he was sixteen.
- c When Tom was three,
- d and then he went to college.
- e After that, he went to secondary school.
- f He left college when he was 18
- g At the age of five,
- h he started nursery school.
- i he went to primary school,
- j and got a job in a bank.

6 Complete the questions, but don't write answers.

- At what age do children go to nursery school?
- 1 When do they s. primary school?
- 2 Do they usually wear a u. at primary school?
- 3 When do p. start s. school?
- 4 When can they l. school and g. a job?
- 5 Do they go to st. schools, pr. schools, or both?

Glossary

- start school** go to a new school for the first time
- state school** a school where education is free OPP **private school**
- stay at school** go to school for a period of time (also **continue at school**)
- until** up to that time ('I was there until 3.00.' means 'after 3.00, I went away.')
- college** place where you can study after you leave school
- leave school** stop going to school
- get a job** find a job
- uniform** special clothes that children wear in a school

spotlight *at (the age of) ...*

Children go to school **at 5** (OR **at the age of 5**). = Children go to primary school when they are five (years old).

ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY

- 7 **ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY** Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 6 or ask another student.

C Exams

When I was at secondary school, I went to all the **lessons** and **did** my **homework**, but I didn't **work** very **hard**. So, when I **took** exams at 16, my **results** weren't fantastic. I **passed** six, which was good, but I **failed** maths. My **worst** result was physics – I got a **grade** E, which was terrible. After that, I went to a sixth form college where I worked hard and **did well**. I passed all my exams at 18 and went to university. That's where I am now.



Glossary

lesson a period of time (about an hour) in school when you are learning something
do homework **U** do work the teacher has given you to do at home (NOT **homeworks**)
work hard work a lot
result what you get in an exam, e.g. 80%, A, or 8/10
(the) worst superlative of **bad** **OPP** **(the) best** superlative of **good**
grade you get a **grade** (e.g. A or B) or a **mark** (e.g. 15/20) in an exam
do well be good at something and get better at it **OPP** **do badly**

spotlight **exam (examination)**

An **exam** is an important test at the end of a period of study.
take an exam = sit down and write your answers in the exam
pass an exam = take an exam and do well, e.g. grade A or 85%
fail an exam = take an exam and do badly, e.g. grade D or 35%

8 Look at Rafael's exam results on the right and answer the questions.

► How many exams did he take? 7
1 Did he take an exam in chemistry? _____
2 How many did he pass? _____
3 How many did he fail? _____
4 What was his best grade? _____
5 What was his worst grade? _____
6 What did he get in English? _____

Exam	Grade	
French	B	A, B, C – pass
IT	C	D, E – fail
Geography	D	
Biology	A	
English	C	
History	B	
Maths	E	

9 Complete the questions.

► Six out of ten isn't a very good mark .
1 I have to _____ an English exam tomorrow.
2 Did you _____ your homework last night?
3 Paula did very _____ in her German exam; she got a _____ A.
4 I got my exam _____ yesterday. I passed all of them.
5 Andre is very unhappy at the moment. He's doing _____ at school, and last week he _____ an important maths exam.
6 Maths is my _____ subject. I'm terrible at it.

10 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions or ask another student.

- 1 How long are/were your lessons at school? _____
- 2 Do/Did you work hard at school most of the time? _____
- 3 At what age will/did you take important exams? _____
- 4 How many will/did you take? _____
- 5 Will/Did you pass all of them? _____