READING

1 Read Clarissa's blog quickly. Where is she studying now, at home or at school?

clarissa's blog

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A few years ago, I wasn't very happy at school and I wasn't doing well in tests. So, when I was eight, Mum and Dad decided to teach me at home.

Homeschooling – great, I thought! I could stay in bed all day! Well it wasn't quite like that! My parents found out what I needed to learn. Sometimes I had lessons, but most of the time I studied things I liked and found interesting. That's how homeschooling works best.

My favourite hobby was playing computer games, so, with Dad's help, I began to write my own computer programs. But I liked making models too, and for that I needed … maths! At school maths was boring, but now it was useful for making my models. I made a model boat and I needed to understand science and maths to do that – oh and design and technology too!

So were there any bad things about homeschooling? Not really. I missed my friends, but I saw them at weekends and we talked about school! They told me about their week at school, and I told them about mine. Mine always seemed more fun to me. Some weeks I studied more than they did. Other weeks I didn't study much at all. And I never had homework!

I'm 15 now, and I'm back at school because I need to take exams. I don't mind. It's nice to study with my friends again.



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Reading Part 3

2 Read Clarissa's blog again. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1 Why did Clarissa's parents teach her at home?
- **A** Her parents didn't like her school.
- **B** She was too old for her school.
- **C** She was having problems at school.

2 What does Clarissa say about homeschooling in the second paragraph?
- **A** She only learned what her parents told her to.
- **B** She chose what she wanted to learn.
- **C** She studied in bed a lot of the time.

3 Clarissa preferred doing maths at home because
- **A** her dad was able to explain it to her.
- **B** it helped her do things she enjoyed.
- **C** she had more time to spend on it.

4 What was the difference between Clarissa's and her friends' school experiences?
- **A** Clarissa didn't have to do any homework.
- **B** Clarissa always had more work to do than they did.
- **C** Her friends enjoyed themselves more.

5 What does Clarissa say about homeschooling in the article?
- **A** It's important to have daily lessons.
- **B** It's hard to find time to see friends.
- **C** Learning doesn't always have to come from books.

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TALKING POINTS

What do you like about going to school?
What are the good things about homeschooling?
What are the bad things about it?
Would you like to study at home? Why? / Why not?

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