READING

A webpage

1 ☆ **Read the webpage about schools in Singapore. Why don't teachers like posters in maths classrooms?**

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STUDENTS FROM SINGAPORE OFTEN GET VERY GOOD MARKS FOR MATHS AND SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TESTS.



In maths lessons, students can use technology to answer the different maths problems. Their answers go on the whiteboard at the front of the class. All students can see and talk about their classmates' answers.

A lot of maths classrooms don't have posters on the walls. Teachers don't think posters help students learn.



Students can't talk to each other a lot. They work alone, but they can ask the teacher questions when they don't understand something.

In science classes, students can work on their projects once a week. In one class, they can build a robotic arm and in another class students can make a small radio.

In many secondary schools in Singapore, students don't do a lot of drama, language, music or art. Some teachers say, 'Art subjects aren't very important. Students need to be good at science and maths. They need these subjects for their adult life'. Is this a good or a bad idea? What do you think?

2 ☆☆ **Read the webpage again and <u>underline</u> these words. Then check their meaning in a dictionary and complete the sentences.**

~~adult~~	alone	build
marks	whiteboard	

1 In many countries, you're an _adult_ when you're 18.
2 My teacher always writes the answers on the _____.
3 I never get good _____ in geography. Maps are difficult!
4 We want to _____ a robot for our project.
5 **A:** Do you need help?
B: No, thanks. I always do my homework _____.

3 ☆☆ **Answer the questions.**

1 What subjects are students from Singapore often good at?
maths and science
2 What do teachers show on the whiteboard?
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3 How do students work in maths classes?
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4 How often do students work on science projects?
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5 Which subjects are not very important in many schools?
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4 ☆☆☆ **Answer the questions with your own ideas.**

1 'Art subjects aren't very important.' What do you think?
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2 Which subjects do you think are important? Why?
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