

2 Find the words in the word chain and complete the sentences.

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- Is there any difference between a kindergarten and a ^a _____ school? They are both for very young pupils before they go to ^b _____ school.
- In our town, we have a ^a _____ school for 13-15 year olds and a ^b _____ school for older students. They are ^c _____ schools, for boys and girls. My cousin, Mark, goes to a ^d _____ school and his sister goes to a ^e _____ school. I'm glad I don't go to a ^f _____ - sex school. I like having girls in my class.
- I go to a ^a _____ school because it is very expensive to go to a ^b _____ school.
- I don't want to go to ^a _____ when I leave school. I want to go to a ^b _____ college and learn to be an electrician.

3 Complete the blog with the verbs from the box in the correct form. You need to use some verbs twice.

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blog
A new school year

My mum and dad often move and it's difficult to ^a start school in a new place every year. Sometimes I don't ^b _____ very well but, this year, I want to have a good year.

This year, I want to:

make lots of friends

- ^c _____ on time for lessons,
- ^d _____ good marks for my homework,
- ^e _____ all my exams,
- ^f _____ to lessons with a smile on my face and all my books in my bag!

This year, I don't want to:

- ^g _____ any classes,
- ^h _____ badly,
- ⁱ _____ bad marks,
- ^j _____ my exams,
- ^k _____ late for lessons,

Forget my books.

Can I do it? When I ^l _____ school next year, I want to go to university. I can't do that with bad marks.

5 Complete the text with one word in each gap. You may need to use some words more than once.

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Children and education

Advice needed

Our son, Tom is doing ^a well at school. We are very ^b _____ of him. He is always on ^c _____ for lessons, in fact, he is often ten or fifteen minutes ^d _____. He always does his ^e _____ in all his subjects. He does his ^f _____ as soon as he gets home and he always gets good ^g _____, even in Maths, which is his weakest subject.

Unfortunately, our daughter, Karen, isn't such a good student. She doesn't always do her ^h _____ in the evening and she usually does ⁱ _____ in her exams. She is never on ^j _____ for school and she and her friends are often ^k _____ for other things like basketball practice. She gets bad ^l _____ in all her subjects, except for French, which she loves. She wants to study there and thinks that French students get a better ^m _____ than English ones.

How can we make Karen work harder and be more like Tom? Any ideas?