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Reading









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What do you think the text is about?
Read or listen to the text and check.

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2 Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 What type of school does Laura go to???
- 2 What time does she wake up?
- 3 What is her favourite lesson?
- 4 When does she play badminton?
- 5 Does Laura miss her parents?

- 1) Laura goes to a boarding school.
- 2) She wakes up at 6.30 in the morning.
- 3) Her favourite lesson is Science.
- 4) She plays badminton in the evening.
- 5) Yes, she does.


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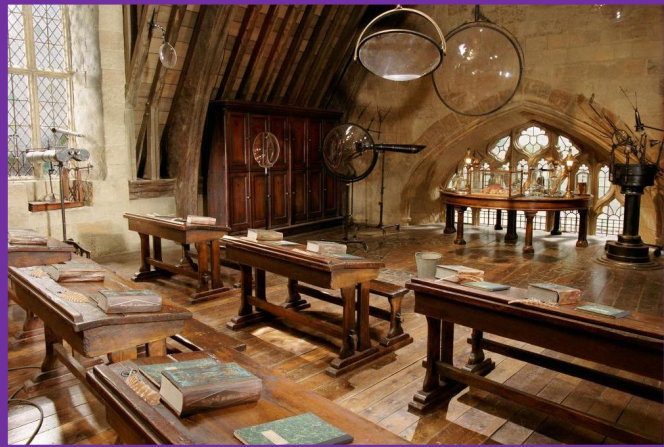
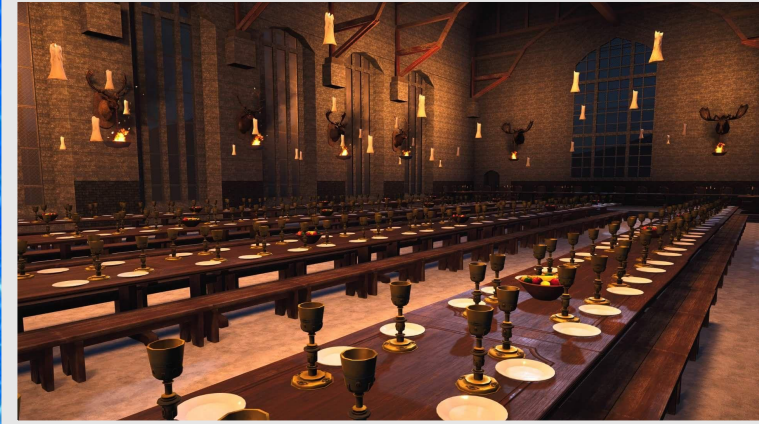
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3  1.33 Listen and repeat. Which of the places are there in your school?

Vocabulary Places in a school

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hall library playground staff room



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Quizlet

boarding school

- hall
- staff room
- stadium
- canteen
- gym
- classroom
- computer room
- library



Teachers relax and mark homework there.

A classroom

B library

C gym

D computer room

E staff room

F playground

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4 Complete the sentences with words in the Vocabulary box so they are true for you.

1 We have assembly in the _____.

2 We have lessons in our _____.

3 We have lunch in the _____.

4 After lunch, we play in the _____.

5 We do P.E. in the _____.

6 I sometimes do my homework in the _____.

5 Exam Spot Read the questions to Laura. Circle the best answer a, b or c.

1 A: What do you do at the weekend, Laura?

B: a Yes, I do. **b** I usually go sailing.

c No, I don't have lessons at the weekend.

2 A: Where do you have breakfast?

B: **a** Every morning. b I have toast and cereal.

c In the canteen.

3 A: Who is your best friend?

B: a She's very well, thank you. **b** Her name is Ruby.

c She's fourteen.

6 Imagine a day in a Crazy School. Who can think of the funniest sentences?

*We wake up at 2.00 in the afternoon.
We play basketball in the library.*

Fun
Spot



1 Read the text. What type of school is it about? Tick (✓).



A



Sports School



B



Art School



C



Drama School



My school

How many students have P.E. every day for two hours? Not many? Well, I always have P.E. from 2.30 to 4.30. I'm Steve and I want to tell you about my school.

My day starts early. I usually get to school at 8.00 but I'm sometimes late. Lessons start at 8.30. My favourite subject is Geography because I like maps. I don't like Art because I don't paint good pictures.

We have lunch at 12.00 and I often have chicken and chips. I never have fish and chips. In the afternoon we have P.E. I love P.E.! We usually play football or do karate. On Friday we play basketball. My favourite sport is football because I want to play for a big team. We finish school at 4.30. That's late for most schools. But I don't mind because I play sport every day! My sport school is great!

2 Read the text again. Circle the correct answer

1 What time does Steve usually get to school?

a



b



2 What is his favourite subject?

a



b



3 What does Steve have for lunch?

a



b



4 Which sport do they do on Friday?

a



b



5 Does Steve like his school?

a



b



3 Read the text again. Answer the questions.

1 Does Steve sometimes get to school late?

Yes, he does.

2 Why does he like Geography? Because he likes maps

3 Does he paint good pictures? No, he doesn't

4 What sports does he usually do? Football, karate, basketball

5 What does he do on Friday? Play basketball

6 Does he finish school before 4.00? No, he doesn't

4 **Vocabulary** Match words 1–8 to definitions a–h.

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- h You have lessons at your desks there.

You wear us for PE.

s

e

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a

Order the letters and write school subjects or items. Use the clues to help.

- 1 i n e r t a r s
- 2 c h e r f n
- 3 l u r e r
- 4 s i s c r o s s
- 5 p o t a p l
- 6 r A t
- 7 o G a r g e h y p
- 8 t i c o n a d i y r
- 9 t i n a p s
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- 11 c i s e c e n
- 12 g l i s e n h
- 13 s a c e l e n i p c
- 14 s i m c u
- 15 b u r r e b

trainers _____

You wear us for P.E.

French _____

Say 'Bonjour!'

ruler _____

Draw lines with me.

scissors _____

You use me to cut paper.

laptop _____

I'm good for Computer Studies.

Art _____

Let's draw pictures.

Geography _____

Let's look at maps.

dictionary _____

I've got lots of words.

paints _____

We are in different colours.

calculator _____

I can help you in Maths.

Science _____

I love experiments.

English _____

I'm this subject!

Pencil case _____

I've got lots of pens and pencils.

Music _____

Let's sing!

rubber _____

I'm good for pencil mistakes.

1 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 I don't / doesn't have a hobby.
- 2 She don't / doesn't play chess.
- 3 We / He doesn't like basketball.

- 4 They / She don't do ballet.
- 5 Dad doesn't play / plays the guitar.

2 Read the sentences and make questions.

- 1 You paint pictures.
Do you paint pictures?
- 2 They do pottery.
They don't do pottery.
- 3 Your brothers play tennis.
Your brothers don't play tennis.
- 4 She likes her new hobby.
She doesn't like her new hobby.
- 5 John plays an instrument.
John doesn't play an instrument.
- 6 Your mum has hobbies.
Your mum doesn't have hobbies.

3 Look at the pictures and read the questions. Write short answers.



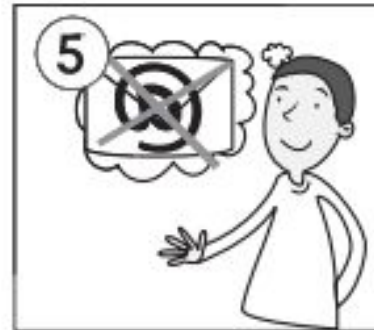
Do they do judo?
Yes, they do.



Do you like Computer Studies?
Yes, I do



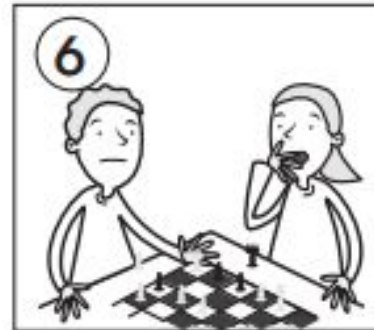
Does Betty have a big dog?
No, she doesn't



Does Mark have an email address?
No, he doesn't



Does she play the guitar?
Yes, she does



Do you two like chess?
No, we don't

4 In pairs, ask and answer about the table.

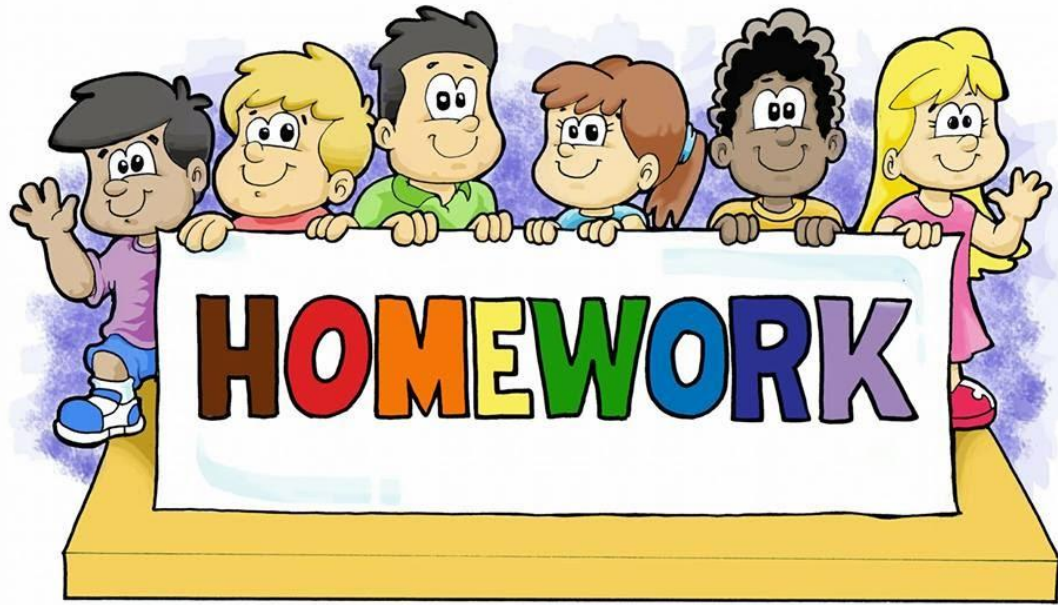
hobby	Jane	Tim	Susan	Boris
piano	✓	✗	✗	✓
karate	✗	✓	✗	✓
drums	✗	✓	✓	✗
football	✓	✗	✗	✓

Does Jane play the piano?

Yes, she does.

What do Tim and Boris do?

They do karate.



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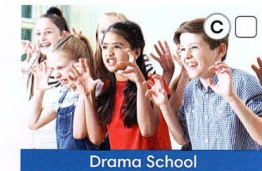
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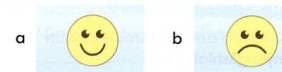
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