Education in different countries

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Does your country provide a good public school system?

LISTENING

1 Look at the pictures. Where do you think these students go to school?







2 How much do you know about schools around the world?
Work in pairs. Read the statements in the chart and guess the country.

the U.S. **China** **Denmark** **France** **Iran**

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3 Students go to school from Saturday to Wednesday.		
4 Students don't have to wear a school uniform.		
5 Students stay at school until the early evening.		

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3 15.2 Listen and complete the second column in the chart above.

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Talk together

4 What would you find unusual if you had gone to school in any of the other countries you have heard the speakers mention? Discuss with a partner. Use conditionals in your answers.

If I'd gone to school in Denmark, I would have found it very unusual not to wear a uniform.

PRONUNCIATION: Silent letters

5 15.3 Look at the following words. Each one has a silent letter or letters (a letter or letters that is/are not pronounced). Say the words. Which are the silent letters? Listen and check.

evening	difference	Wednesday	vegetable
interesting	restaurant	chocolate	comfortable

6 15.3 Listen again and repeat the words.



Do you feel more nervous before an oral exam or a written exam? Why?

Here are some phrases you can use to generalize.

- Broadly speaking...
- To a great extent...
- On the whole...
- To a large extent...
- By and large...



Here are some phrases you can use to give your opinion.

Personally I am in favour of...
If you ask me, I think we should...
I am really keen on the idea of...
I reckon...
...seems like the best option to me.

Here are some phrases you can use to conclude.

- In short...
- All in all...
- And that's about it really.







deep breathing

a piece of chocolate

good preparation

watching a funny video

Did you feel nervous speaking in front of your teacher and classmates? Look at the suggestions below on how to quell your nerves.
Discuss what works for you and see if you can add some tips of your own.

Homework

Make a presentation.
Imagine you are educating abroad. Which country would you choose? Why?
Try to use mixed conditionals.