Three different schools

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Do/did you like your school? Why? Why not?



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Trial

an exam taken at school for practice before a real exam.

Trials take place in July.



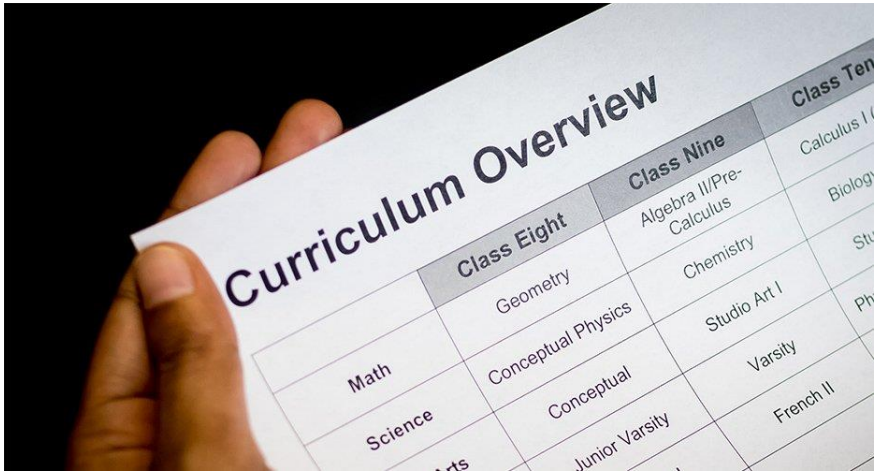
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Coaching



the act of giving special classes in sports, a school subject, or a work-related activity, especially to one person or a small group:

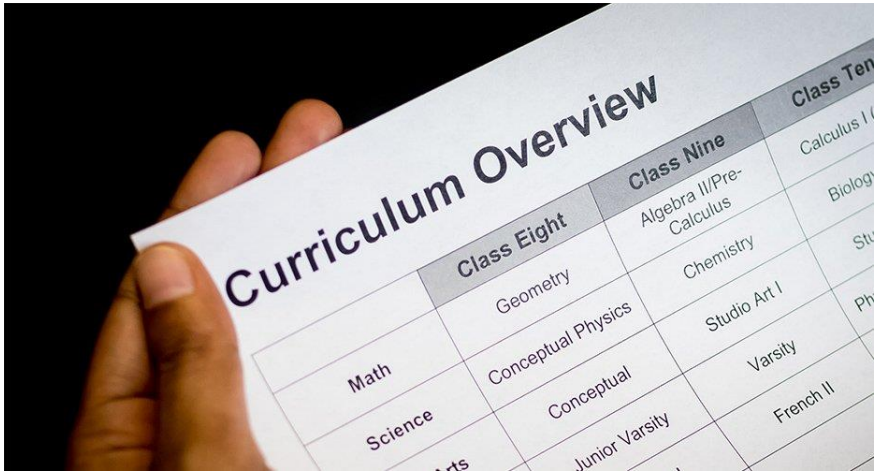
You're very behind in your English - why don't you get some extra coaching?



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Curriculum



the subjects studied in a school, college, etc. and what each subject includes.

Math is an intrinsic part of the school curriculum.



/ˈprɪn.sə.pəl/



Principle

the person in charge of a school.

Which words refer to types of tests?

contest trial concert exam coaching curriculum audition

3 15.1 Read and listen to the texts. Match each text with the correct picture.



COMPREHENSION

4 15.1 Read and listen to the texts again and answer the questions.

1 What makes Ben's school different from other schools?
2 Why doesn't Ben have a lot of free time?
3 How do the students at Ben's school feel about the amount of practice they have to do?
4 What does Adam study alongside his regular classes?
5 What has Adam been able to do?
6 Why doesn't Ruby go to school in the U.S.?
7 What education system does Ruby's school follow?
8 Why is Ruby happy to be at her school?

Summary

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Ruby

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Analyze the text

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Speaking

Do you like to study in their school?
Which one?
Why?

Speaking



1. At what ages is education compulsory in your country?
2. Is education free where you live?
3. Do you think education should be free?

Speaking

Have you ever slept in class?
How do you usually come here?
How do you get to school?
How long does it take you to get to school?
How many times have you been absent from school this year?
How much homework do you do every day?
Was your high school strict?

Speaking

Were you on any sports teams in high school?
What classes do you not like? Why don't you like them?
What did you like best about high school?
What do you like best about your school?
What do you like the least about your school?
What do you think about your English class? Your gym class?

Homework

Make a presentation.
Which of these choices do you like to choose for education? Why?

Co-ed class / Online class / Single-sex class / Private class

Extra activity

School days are often the best time of your life.

So let's take a walk down memory lane, and go **back to school**.

New vocabulary

compulsory

nursery

primary school



secondary school

boarding school

extracurricular activities

sixth form

vocational course

New vocabulary



Education for children is **compulsory** in the UK.

Nursery is for children aged between 3 and 4.



New vocabulary



Primary school is for children aged 5-11.

Secondary school is the school after primary school.



New vocabulary



Children have their lessons and sleep overnight at boarding school.

Children can do extracurricular activities after lessons end.



New vocabulary



Sixth form is for students between 16 and 18 years of age.

A **vocational course** focuses on practical skills.



Fill in the gaps with the words below.

1. _____ is for children between 11 and 16 or 18.
2. The first education that children get is in _____,when they are 3 or 4.
3. Children learn to work with others in nursery, which is a skill called _____.
4. In nursery children also learn the skill of _____ through art and drama.
5. Nursery can also be called _____ education.

secondary school
creativity
nursery
early years
teamwork

Do you have nursery in your country?

What do children do there and did you attend?



learning through play

teamwork skills

Pros	Cons

Make a list of the pros and cons of going to boarding school.
On balance, would you have liked to go to one?





Are single-sex or coeducational schools more popular in your country? What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of each?



single sex

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coeducational

Did you wear a **uniform** when you were at school?

Do you think they are a **positive** thing for children and parents?





Did you have **extracurricular activities** at your school?

What was offered and did you **participate** in any of them?