

Education

Words and Expressions:

Nursery (school) - ясли

Kindergarten – детский сад

Primary/elementary school – начальная школа

Secondary school – средняя школа

Junior/middle school – основная средняя школа (обычно 5-8 классы)

High/senior school – старшие классы средней школы

Graduate (grad) school - магистратура

Boarding school/Private school/State/Public school – школа-пансион/частная школа/государственная/бесплатная средняя школа (в США и Шотландии)

Co-educational/single-sex school – с совместным обучением (мальчиков и девочек)/школа с отдельным обучением

School principal/headmaster(-mistress) – директор школы

School report – отчет об успеваемости

Exam/examine/examiner – экзамен/экзаменовать/экзаменатор

To take/retake/pass/fail an exam – сдавать/пересдавать/успешно сдать/провалить экзамен

Coursework – курсовая работа

Enrol (AmE enroll) – поступить, записаться (на курсы)

Qualification – аттестат, диплом

A degree – степень (например, BA – Bachelor of Arts – бакалавр гуманитарных наук)

A graduate - выпускник

An undergraduate – студент

A major/to major in – основной предмет специализации (например, My major is marketing)/специализироваться в чём-л.

To transfer - перевестись

To revise for a class/an exam – повторять к уроку/экзамену

Semester/term – семестр/четверть

Research/scientific advisor – научный руководитель

To play truant/to skip classes – пропускать занятия

A teacher's pet – любимчик учителя

To cram – зубрить, натаскиваться к экзамену

To knuckle down – решительно взяться за что-то, зд. начать готовиться к экзамену за пару дней до него

To cheat - списывать

To scrape through (an exam) – с трудом выдержать экзамен

School subjects:

Mathematics (Maths), Economics, Physics, Biology, Geography, History, Business Studies, Religious Studies, Drama, (Foreign)Languages (e.g. Russian, English, Spanish), Science, Chemistry, Physical Education (PE), Music, Art

Questions:

- 1) Do you think you had a good education? If you could go back in time would you change anything in your educational process?
- 2) It is said that children learn most in the first two years of life than at any other stage. What kinds of things have children learned by the age of two? What do they learn themselves and what are they taught?
- 3) Should parents try to teach their children before they go to school? What things should they teach?
- 4) Who is mainly responsible for a child's academic success - the parents or the teachers?
- 5) Which subjects did you find easiest to pick up at school?
- 6) Did you ever play truant at school? What should (or could) be done to reduce this problem?
- 7) Were you ever accused of being a teacher's pet? Was there one in your class? What sort of things did he/she do?
- 8) Were you given a lot of homework at school/university? Did you always complete it? How did you feel about it? Was there anything else you would have preferred to do?
- 9) What did your teacher do to preserve order and discipline in class? What would you do if you were a teacher and you had a class of difficult children?
- 10) Did you go to a public (private) school or a state-run school? Would you say there was much difference in the quality of education provided? How would you describe the difference?
- 11) Is it better to make student learn things by heart or understand them?
- 12) Did you use to cram before taking an exam or did you knuckle down several months before? What would you say is the best system?

- 13) What percentage of people drop out of the university system in your country? Is it harder or easier for them to find jobs?
- 14) What does the education system do to prepare people for work or to assist them to find jobs? Is it efficient?
- 15) Why do people go to university? To obtain job skills? To get a degree? To have a good time? To find a husband/wife?
- 16) Some people in the UK get jobs through their school or university connections. Do many people in your country get jobs through the "old school tie"? What other connections could be useful if you wanted to get a job?
- 17) What do you think about cheating? Did you cheat at school/university? Have you ever been caught cheating? Would you go to a doctor (e.g. dentist) who had cheated in his/her dental exams?
- 18) Which do you find more difficult: written exams, oral exams or practical exams (e.g. Driving)? Why?
- 19) Do you think your exam results are an accurate reflection of your ability? Why/not? Are exams a waste of time?
- 20) What do you think of the idea of all education being online?
- 21) Does your government really care about education? What would you like to change about the education system of your country?
- 22) What do you think about studying abroad? In which country do you think you can receive the best education?
- 23) What would the world be like if everyone had access to a good education?