

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the correct form.

- 0 'I can't do the exercise.'
Marie said that she couldn't do the exercise.
- 1 'I don't understand the exercise.'
Phil said that he _____ the exercise.
- 2 'I haven't finished my homework.'
I said that I _____ my homework.
- 3 'I don't want to do the exercise.'
Liz said that she _____ to do the exercise.
- 4 'I'll do the exercise later.'
Mark said that he _____ the exercise later.
- 5 'I'm doing the exercise.'
Karen said that she _____ the exercise.
- 6 'I've done the exercise.'
Neil said that he _____ the exercise.
- 7 'I did the exercise last night.'
Mel said that she _____ the exercise the night before.
- 8 'We're doing the exercise together.'
Angie and Sue said that they _____ the exercise together.
- 9 'Sam doesn't know how to do the exercise.'
Ellen said that Sam _____ how to do the exercise.
- 10 'I can help Sam with the exercise.'
Arthur said that he _____ Sam with the exercise.

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2 Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two extra words.

analyse assess concentrating
do learn memorising organising passing

- 0 Can you do different sports at your school?
- 1 Students should _____ about first aid in Year Two.
- 2 This questionnaire will help you to _____ your progress.
- 3 Arthur has problems _____ in class.
- 4 Annie's not good at _____ exams. She gets too nervous.
- 5 I'm not good at _____ my learning and usually forget to do something.

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3 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- 0 'I enjoy exams,' said Amy.
Amy said that she enjoyed exams.
- 1 'I can't memorise facts,' said Max.
Max _____.
- 2 'You didn't work hard enough,' my mum told me.
My mum _____.
- 3 'I don't like politics,' Anne told us.
Anne _____.
- 4 'You'll love university,' my aunt told my sister.
My aunt _____.
- 5 'I solved the problem easily,' said Jake.
Jake _____.
- 6 'Single sex schools aren't a good idea,' said David.
David _____.
- 7 'The choir is meeting in room twenty-one,' said Mrs Finch.
Mrs Finch _____.
- 8 'I didn't concentrate enough,' said Paul.
Paul _____.
- 9 'The school magazine is interesting,' said Kate.
Kate _____.
- 10 'The exam hasn't finished,' our teacher said.
Our teacher _____.

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4 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in capitals.

I think the ⁰education we get now is excellent. EDUCATE

There is a big ¹_____ between school now and school when my parents were young. DIFFERENT

The most important thing for them was their ²_____ in exams and tests. PERFORM

The other thing that was important was the students' ³_____. My dad couldn't have long hair and my mum couldn't wear trousers. APPEAR

Students who had a lot of ⁴_____ and obeyed the rules did well but the other students didn't. I don't think school then was ABLE

a good ⁵_____ for life in the 'real' world. PREPARE

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TOTAL SCORE

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Reading

1 Read the article. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 There were no GCSEs before 1986. ____
- 2 The best grade at CSE was similar to the lowest pass grade at O level. ____
- 3 A GCSE grade D is a fail. ____
- 4 Students have to study a foreign language at GCSE. ____
- 5 Not all students take the same number of GCSEs. ____
- 6 Not all subjects are graded in the same way. ____
- 7 Students can see each other's results online. ____

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What is the GCSE exam? It is an examination taken by British school students at the age of fifteen or sixteen. It has been used since 1986, when it replaced two exams: O levels and CSEs. Before 1986, students with a higher academic level took O levels while students with a lower academic level took CSEs. An A, B or C at O level was a pass, and a Grade 1 CSE was the same as an O level grade C. GCSEs were introduced so that all students could take the same exam. There are seven pass grades: A–G. Grades A–C are equivalent to the old O level pass grades. Grades D–G are similar to CSE grades 2–5. They are still passes, but not as good as an O level. There is also one fail grade, a U, which means 'unclassified'. When students are thirteen or fourteen, in Year Nine of school, they choose which subjects to study for GCSE. Some subjects are compulsory; everyone has to take them. These are maths, English and science, although in some schools a foreign language is also compulsory. The number of subjects a student can choose depends on his or her ability, but most study between eight and ten subjects for two years and take exams at the end of Year Eleven.

Different subjects are graded in different ways. In some subjects, for example art, music and ICT, more than half the final mark is given for coursework or projects. Originally, this coursework was done at home, but there were problems with cheating, and so now it is done by students in the classroom with a teacher watching. Students take their exams in June, but they don't get their results until the last week in August. In the past, results were sent to the students' school. Sometimes, the schools put all the results on posters so that students could see not only their own results but also the results of everyone else in their year. Now students get their results online using a password; this means that no one else can see them. Grades in GCSEs have been rising every year for a long time. Some people say this is because students are getting cleverer, but others say that the exams are getting easier. Some schools have even stopped using them, preferring the international GCSE (IGCSE) instead.

Listening

2 10 Listen to someone talking about a school. Choose the best answer to the questions.

- 1 The guest:
 - a is a student at the school. b has children of her own.
 - c works at the school.
- 2 Which of these statements is not true?
 - a The school teaches traditional subjects.
 - b The school finds out about its students' interests.
 - c The school doesn't offer a big choice of subjects.
- 3 The number of students in each class is:
 - a at least fifteen. b always the same.
 - c never more than thirty.
- 4 On Wednesday afternoons, students:
 - a don't have lessons. b have to do voluntary work.
 - c are free to do what they want.
- 5 Students at the school are taught that:
 - a competitive sports are bad.
 - b winning is the only thing that matters.
 - c some things are more important than winning.
- 6 Students can:
 - a start any club they want. b attend only one club.
 - c suggest which clubs should be started.

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Communication

3 Complete the dialogue with the words and phrases below. There are six extra words and phrases.

all right can you could I possibly excuse me
 hey if I I'm sorry is it must be to you
 've got with you would you can

- A: ⁰Excuse me, Mr Smith. ¹_____ have a word ²_____, please?
- B: Yes, of course. How can I help you?
- A: ³_____ it be all right ⁴_____ changed English group? I'm finding this group difficult.
- B: Yes, ⁵_____ do that. I'll talk to Mr Elkins.
- A: Thank you very much.
- B: That's all right. Now, ⁶_____, but I really ⁷_____ going.

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TOTAL SCORE

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