

VOCABULARY Education



1 Read what some students say on the first day of school. Pay attention to the words in colour. Then decide which of the students say the statements (1–6) below. -

Last year I was really lazy, and I used to **skip classes** a lot. But this year I'm going to have a more positive attitude. **Amal**

I've heard that they give extra lessons to **revise** for exams, and help with things that are **confusing**. **Sam**

It's hard for me to **pay attention** for long and I'm not good at **learning** things **by heart**. **Lara**

I hope the exams in this school aren't too **demanding**. I'd like to have time for **extra-curricular activities** like art and sport. **Kyle**

They've already told us that nose rings are **banned**, so I have to take mine out! **Caitlin**

In my old school, we had to **obey** lots of rules and they **punished** us with detention for **cheating** in exams and for **bullying**. We're too old for so many rules now. **Archie**

- 1 The school helps students who need it.
- 2 We need less discipline in secondary school.
- 3 Sitting in lessons is difficult for me.
- 4 I want to do other things besides studying.
- 5 I have to change my appearance.
- 6 I need to improve this year.

2 Replace the words in bold with a word or expression below.

challenge | **compulsory** | **disruption**
behaviour | **assignment** | **drop out**

- 1 When the head teacher visits, the students' **conduct** is perfect.
- 2 Literature is a **subject that I have to work hard at**.
- 3 Maths and English are subjects that are **obligatory**.
- 4 We have to finish our **homework** by tomorrow.
- 5 There was a lot of **noise and chaos** during the lesson.
- 6 Ron's parents are trying to convince him not to **leave school**.

3 Decide if the following sentences are true or false. Pay attention to the words or expressions in bold.

- 1 It's easy to concentrate when there are **disruptions** during a lesson.
- 2 **Extra-curricular activities** are not obligatory.
- 3 Teachers encourage **cheating** during exams.
- 4 **Bullying** often happens on social media.
- 5 Teachers often **skip classes**.
- 6 **Assignments** are always done in the classroom.

4 Choose the correct answer to show that you understand the meaning of the words in bold.

- 1 When something is **compulsory**, you *have* / *don't have* a choice.
- 2 The exam was a **challenge** because the questions were *easy* / *difficult*.
- 3 It's *important* / *rude* to **pay attention** during a lesson.
- 4 He **dropped out** of the course after it *began* / *ended*.
- 5 I *remembered* / *forgot* the number because I had **learned it by heart**.



5 What other words do you know connected to education?