

Talking about school

What do pupils think of when they talk about school? (C2, p. 36)

Which opinion do you like best?

What do you think about these statements?

What's your opinion?

“Some of my teachers are very nice and I like them. Others are much too strict. We've got a nice headteacher at our school and I really like my drama teacher.”

Carol, 14

“I hate reports, My parents are happy when they see the good grades like A and B, but they're disappointed when they see the other grades. They don't like a C or a D and they are quite angry when I get an E.”

Alex, 13



“My favourite subjects are physics and biology. I think some of my other subjects are quite boring, so I don't pay much attention.”

Richard, 13

“I always seem to be in trouble. Last week I wrote my own note after I was absent for a day and the teacher sent me straight to the headteacher.”

Amy, 14

“I'm always nervous when we have a test. Once my French teacher caught me while I was copying from a classmate, so I failed. I felt terrible. Next year I've got my GCSE exams. I am going to work hard because I want to pass.”

Jessica, 14

Vocabulary

<i>to be strict with somebody</i>	mit jemandem streng sein
<i>headteacher</i>	Schulleiter
<i>drama teacher</i>	Theaterlehrer
<i>subjects</i>	Fächer
<i>physics (Sing.)</i>	Physik
<i>biology</i>	Biologie
<i>maths</i>	Mathematik
<i>geography</i>	Geographie
<i>history</i>	Geschichte
<i>foreign languages</i>	Fremdsprachen
<i>art</i>	Kunst
<i>music</i>	Musik
<i>boring</i>	langweilig
<i>to pay attention to (pay, paid, paid)</i>	aufmerksam sein
<i>reports</i>	Zeugnis
<i>grade</i>	Note
<i>(A, very good; B, good; C, average; D, weak; E, unsatisfactory)</i>	
<i>test</i>	Test
<i>to catch, caught, caught</i>	ertappen
<i>to copy</i>	abschreiben
<i>classmate</i>	Klassenkamerad, -in
<i>to fail / pass (an exam)</i>	eine Prüfung nicht bestehen / bestehen
<i>exam</i>	Prüfung
<i>GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education)</i>	Hauptschulabschluss
<i>to pass (an exam)</i>	bestehen
<i>to be in trouble</i>	in Schwierigkeiten sein
<i>(to write one's own) note</i>	Entschuldigungsschreiben
<i>to be absent</i>	fehlen, abwesend sein
<i>straight</i>	direkt, geradewegs
<i>comprehensive school</i>	Gesamtschule