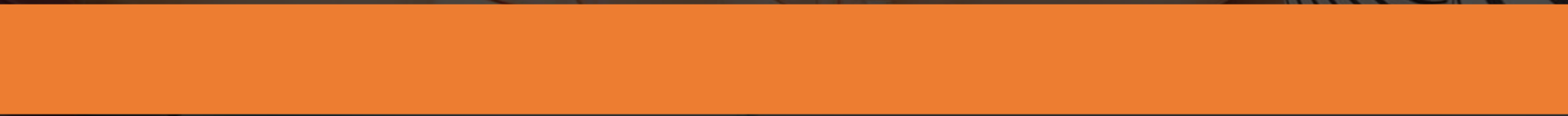




**Education. Learning
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pass exams with flying colours

Check you understand the words in bold and match the columns to get the sentences.

1) I passed all my exams **colours!**

2) I barely **scraped** my Biology exam

3) I wish I hadn't **played** from my English classes!

4) My friends say I am a real **bookworm**

5) I have been **stressed** for my English exam for weeks

6) I need to **pull** an all nighter and **study** for my Literature test

7) They caught me **cheating** in the exam because I accidentally dropped my **papers** on the floor

A) I have just learnt that I have to take it tomorrow

B) I just can't imagine my life without books

C) I am pretty sure I will get a place at any university of my choice

D) I was **dropped** from the exam

E) Now not only the teacher is really angry with me, but I also **find it hard** to **keep** up with my classmates

F) the **minimum** point required for passing was 30 and I got 31

G) I am absolutely sure that I have learnt everything and will **sail** through the exam

from your mistakes	Arabic
a lot from my father	Mathematics
Biology	French
to dance	how to drive
from my experience	languages
Physics	something by heart

Study

Learn

a mistake	or break	a task	a suggestion
an exam	a decision	a test	an experiment
a living	a profit	research	household chores

Make

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Submit Answers

Complete the sentences below with the best possible answer.

- 1) I can't believe it! I have just learnt that I failed (pass / lose / fail) my French exam! I had been revising (learn / revise / sit) for weeks and still got 30 out of 80. What a shame!
- 2) In your letter you asked me about my exams. Well, I had to take (take / pass / make) my Maths exam five times before I finally managed to pass (pass / win / succeed) it.

- 3) Back to your questions. I would like to study (study / learn / teach) Medicine as I am planning to become a doctor. As for my parents, they disapprove of my choice because they want me to follow in my Dad's footsteps and study (study / learn / teach) French at university. Personally, I think that I can teach (study / learn / teach) myself to speak the language.
- 4) As for my future plans, after I graduate (leave / graduate / finish) from the university, I am thinking of travelling round the world.

5) In your letter you asked me about things I would like to learn about at school. I think that schools should do more to **educate** (stand / raise / educate) pupils about HIV and other diseases.


6) Sorry, I'd better finish now as I have to **revise** (learn / revise / remember) for my history test tomorrow.



Do the pairs of expressions below have similar meaning?

- 1) profound knowledge / deep knowledge **Similar**
- 2) to gain knowledge / to acquire knowledge **Similar**
- 3) to give more attention / to pay more attention
- 4) subjects / disciplines **Similar** **Similar**
- 5) online learning / distance learning **Similar**
- 6) face-to-face classes / individual classes **Different**
- 7) tuition fees / scholarship **Different**



- 8) examiner / invigilator **Different**
- 9) seminar / lecture **Different**
- 10) undergraduate students / postgraduate students **Different**
- 11) homework / home assignment **Similar**
- 12) school curriculum / extra-curricular activities **Different**
- 13) determined students / ambitious students **Similar**
- 14) undergraduates / university students **Similar**
- 15) to enter the university / to get a place at university **Similar**
- 16) to get a degree / to graduate from a university **Similar**
- 17) a teacher / a professor **Different**
- 18) teachers / educators **Similar**
- 19) compulsory subjects / optional subjects **Different**
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**How do students cheat in their exams?
Do you know anyone who was caught
cheating? What happened?**

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This approx. x^2 when $x = 100, 1000, 10000$
is a better approx. if the class is resembles
 $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the class. However, in my calculations
it should equal to the original value.
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 $(x-1)/(x+1) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$
 $(x+1)(x-1) = x^2 - 1$
 $(x-1)(x+1) = x^2 - 1$
 $(x+1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1$
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Math Exam

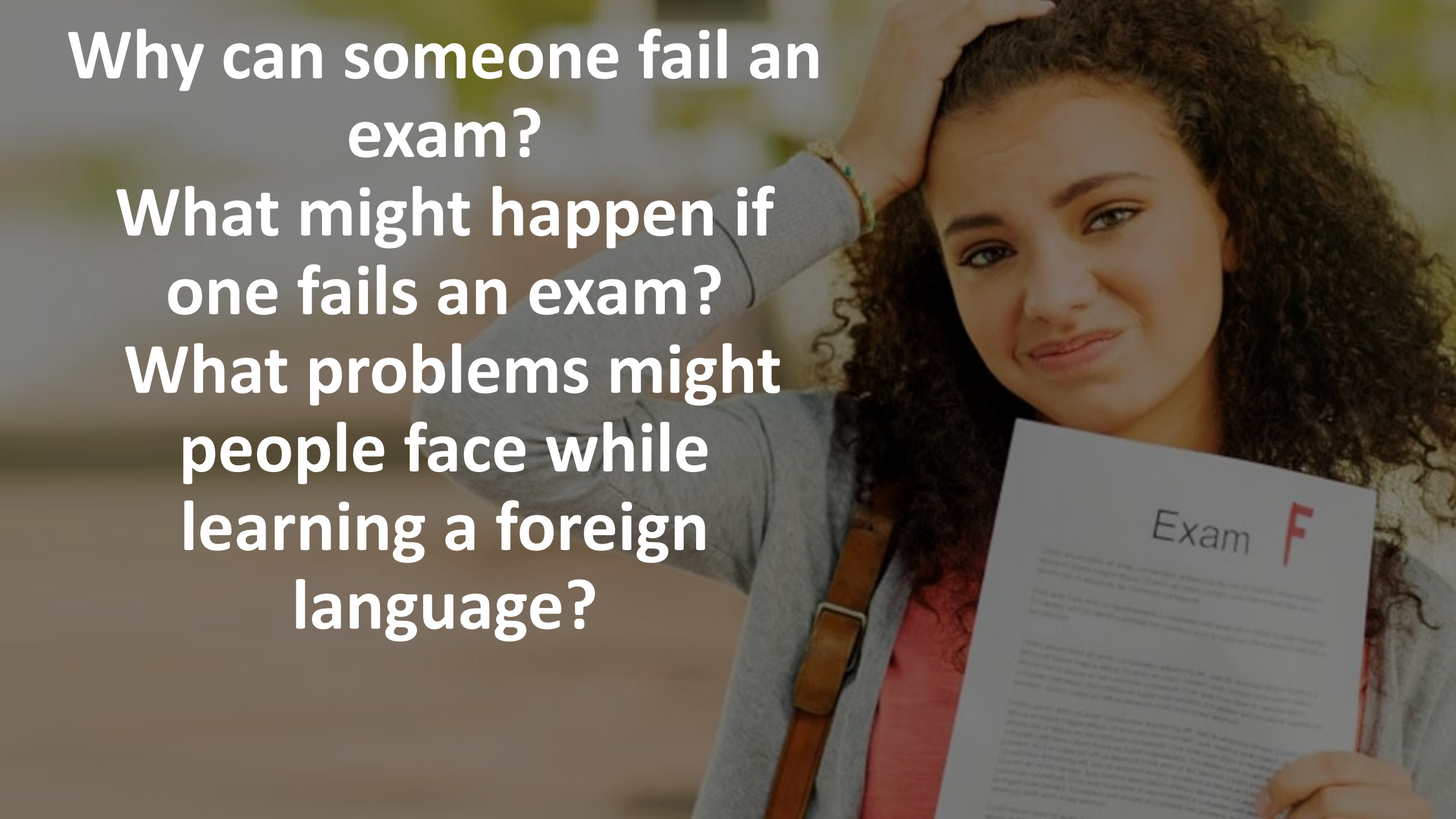
1. A large field is 300 meters long on its longest side, 125 meters at its shortest side. The perimeter of the field is:
a. 5000 meters
b. 800 meters
c. 1680 meters
d. 2100 meters
2. The series sum of 3^n for integer values of n from 1 to 5 is:
a. 2 6/15
b. 3 10/12
c. 2 7/21
d. 2 6/8
3. $f(x) = dx$ is equal to or less than...

SUBJECTIVE SCORING INSTRUCTIONS

Why can someone fail an exam?

What might happen if one fails an exam?

What problems might people face while learning a foreign language?





In your experience, what are the best revising strategies?

Which do you prefer: to swot for an exam or to cram for an exam? Why?

What can help a student to pull an all-nighter if they need to cram for an exam?



**What does one need to do to sail through their exams?
What could you say to a friend who has passed their exams with flying colours?**



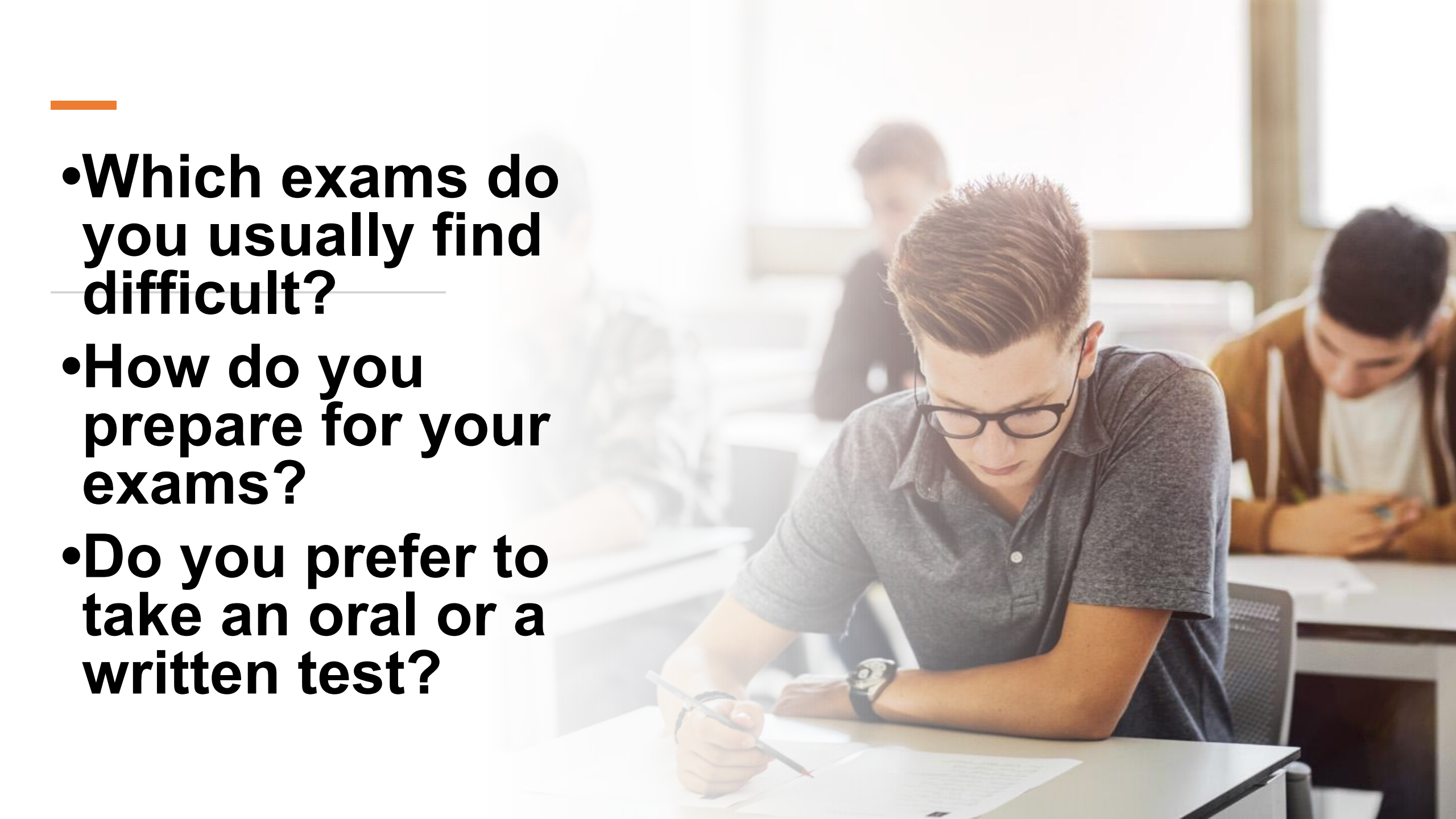
How can parents and teachers prevent children from playing truant from classes?

- **What's the most difficult part of your study?**
- **What do you like most about your school?**
- **What is your favourite subject and why?**
What are your future study plans?
- **Are you friends with many other students in your class?**
- **What makes a good teacher?**



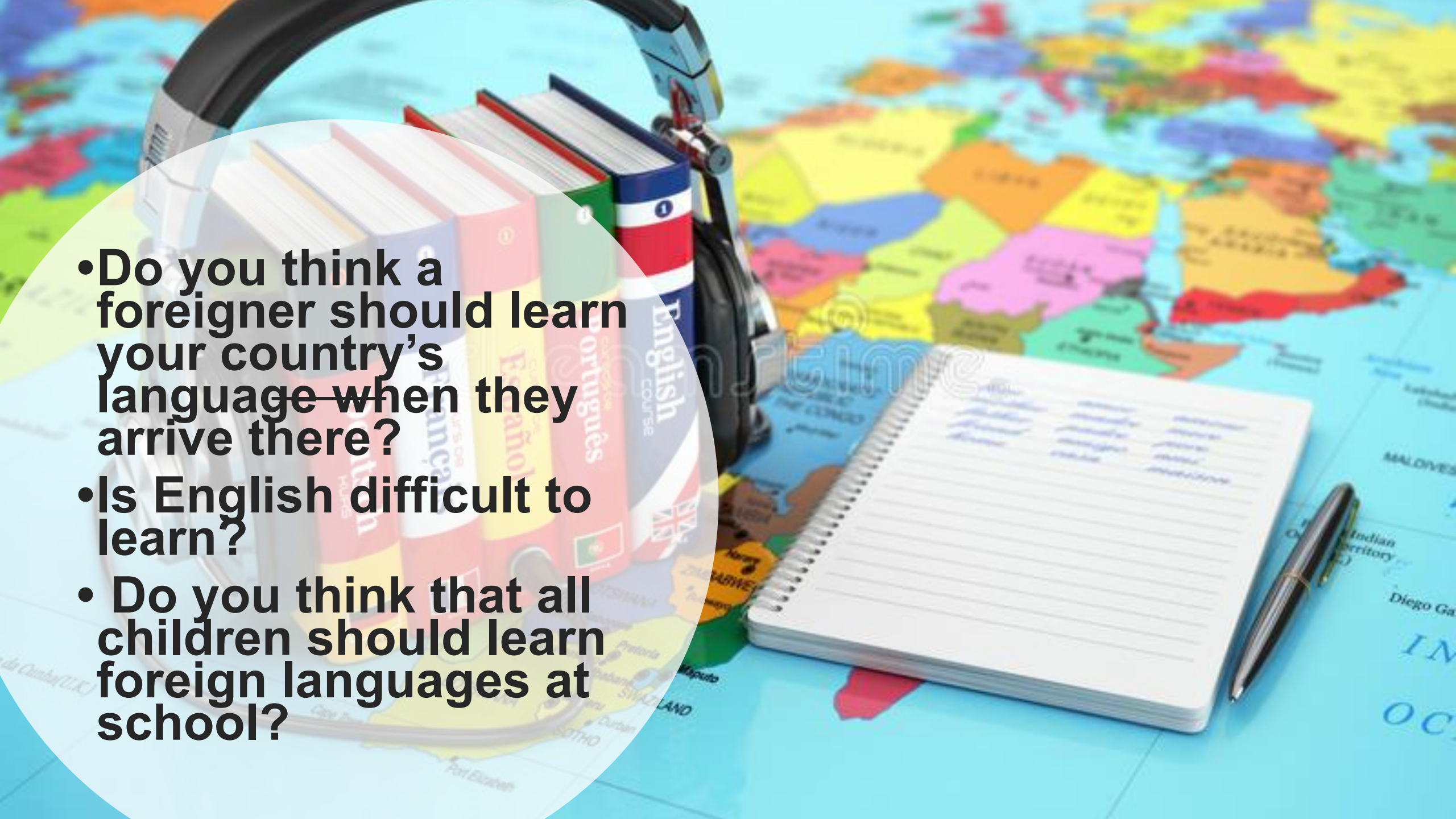


- What languages can you speak? How often do you use English?
- What do you do to practise your language skills outside the classroom?

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- Which exams do you usually find difficult?
 - How do you prepare for your exams?
 - Do you prefer to take an oral or a written test?



- *Why are you learning English?*
- *Do you think you could become a foreign language teacher in the future?*
- *Why / why not?*
- *Do you think learning languages is important for people in your country? Why / why not?*

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- Do you think a foreigner should learn your country's language when they arrive there?
 - Is English difficult to learn?
 - Do you think that all children should learn foreign languages at school?

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- **What qualities should a language teacher have?**
 - **Why are some people better at studying languages than others?**



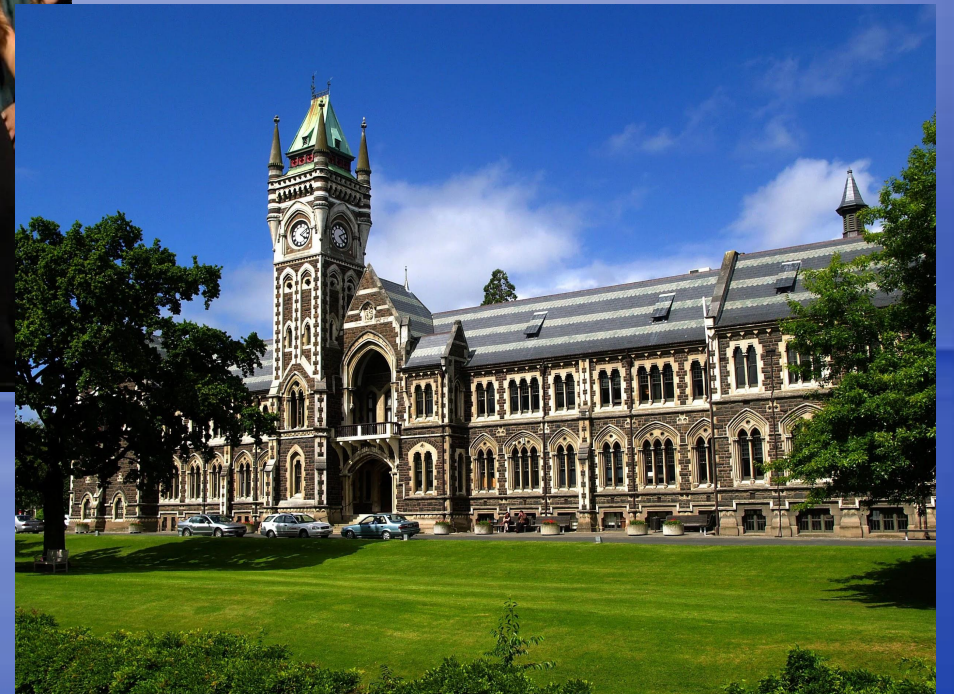
Ask questions and write your answers as if you were doing task 39.

1) I have just had a History class with a new History teacher. (Ask 3 questions about her new teacher.)

2) We have moved house recently and now I'm going to go to a new school. (Ask 3 questions about her new school.)



- 3) I finally fulfilled my life-long ambition and joined a drama club last week — I am on cloud nine! I really enjoy the classes. (Ask 3 questions about her drama classes.)
- 4) I have to say I have always struggled with Chemistry but now I need to master it to enter the university of my dream. (Ask 3 questions about the university.)



- 5) My sister has decided to take a gap year before entering the university and now I'm thinking of doing the same. (Ask 3 questions about his plans for the gap year.)
- 6) I have just learnt that we're going to do a Maths test tomorrow and now I have to pull an all-nighter to cram for it. I hate revising! (Ask 3 questions about his revision strategies.)



Choose one word in each line that does NOT usually collocate with the word IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

- 1) excellent, first-class, poor, **weak**, compulsory, higher, pre-school, primary, secondary, university, health, public, private EDUCATION
- 2) have, receive, provide (sb with), continue, complete, **end**, finish EDUCATION
- 3) competent, good, inspired, **difficult**, skilled, bad, experienced, sympathetic, head, female, school, secondary (school), language, art, maths TEACHER
- 4) difficult, compulsory, core, main, additional, **head**, optional, arts, science, academic SUBJECT
- 5) take, offer, **give**, fail (in), pass A SUBJECT
- 6) difficult, easy, entrance, **trial**, end of term / year, final, school, chemistry, French, mock, oral, practical, written EXAM



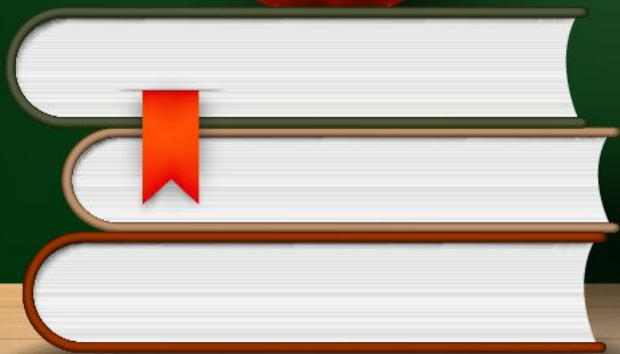
- 7) prepare for, revise for, study for, do, sit, take, resit, retake, redo, do well in, pass, scrape through, do badly in, fail, flunk, cheat in, invigilate, mark, sail through
AN EXAM
- 8) attend, go to, start, finish, leave, graduate from, skip, play truant from, be / stay off SCHOOL Br.E
- 9) attend, go to, study at, apply to, apply for a place at, enter, learn at, graduate from, leave, drop out of UNIVERSITY
- 10) brilliant, ambitious, five, weak, straight A, school, university, full-time, first-year, freshman, sophomore, senior, postgraduate, overseas, history, law, medical STUDENT
- 11) do, sit (for), take, pass, fail, write, give, mark A TEST
- 12) possess, lack, need, require, train, acquire, develop, learn, demonstrate, practise, apply, broaden, hone, improve, increase, master, sharpen, upgrade, refresh, update SKILLS



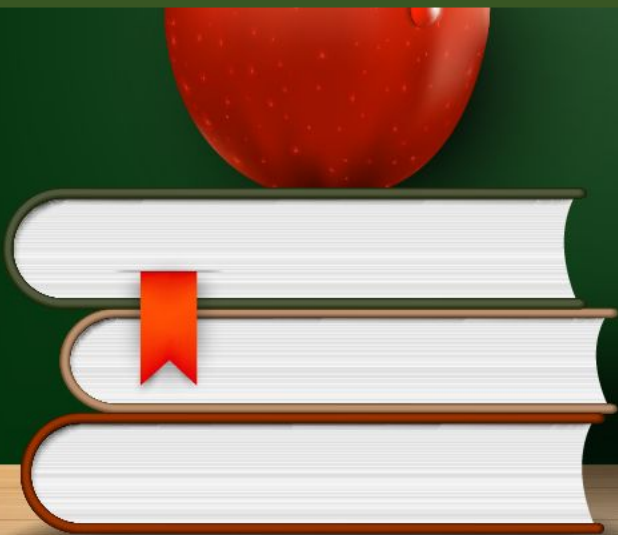
Some of the words in bold are in wrong places. Rewrite the letters correctly. Guess what questions the letters below answer to. Write your replies to the given letters.

I. Back to your questions. In my country school education is **compulsory** every child has to **attend** school. Most schools are **public**, but some well-off parents want to provide their offspring with **first-class** education and send them to **private** schools. If you decide to **continue** your education after you **finish** school, you can **apply**

to a university and get **higher** education — but then you'll need to take a few **private** exams at school and then **entrance** exams at university. Or you can just get a job and forget about books and exams!



Now I'd like to answer your questions. Well, my sister is a **freshman** at Moscow State University, she studies History and hopes to **do** really well in all her exams. Christina is extremely **ambitious** — she was a **straight A** student at school and even won some **academic** competitions. As for my favourite teacher, well, it's hard to pick just one, because there have been so many, but I think it's my English teacher Natalia Mikhailovna, not only because she's a great professional — she's really **skilled** and **competent** — but also because she has a great personality: she's **patient** and **sympathetic**. She teaches German and English and all her students **sail** through the exams.



. In your letter you asked me some questions and now I'd like to answer them. Well, when I revise for a test or an exam, I always drink a lot of coffee and burn the midnight oil. We **do** a lot of tests at school every week — I **revise** for hours on end but still I have to say I sometimes **fail**. As for your second question, in my school all **core** subjects are compulsory so you have to attend them all, but they also offer an **optional** Chinese class on Saturday. Finally, if you **cheat** in the exam and get caught by an invigilator, you will be **disqualified** and will have to **retake**.



Choose the correct option.

- 1) a school director / a head teacher
- 2) to write a test / to do a test
- 3) a control work / a test
- 4) high education / higher education
- 5) a hardly-working student / a hard-working student
- 6) to learn at school / to go to school
- 7) to study how to cook / to learn how to cook
- 8) to visit classes / to attend classes
- 9) grades / balls
- 10) school subjects / school objects
- 11) in my first year / in my first course
- 12) in the 11th class / in the 11th grade

Choose the right option to complete the letters.

I. Let me answer your questions about my exams. Well, in June I'm going to 1) **take** four exams — Russian, Advanced Maths, English and Social Studies. I am really struggling with Maths so I have been cramming 2) **for** the exam since last year and I hope to pass it with flying 3) **colours**. As for Social Studies, I just need to **scrape** through — the minimum point required is 60, and I hope to get 65. As for the university, I'm going to 5) **apply** to Higher School of Economics as they provide **first-class** education. Talking about teenagers in my country, I think they don't often 7) **play** truant from school as we have this state-of-the-art system which immediately notifies parents if a student has **missed** a class. What a pain!

1) **take** / pass / write / attend

2) at / **for** / with / to

3) flags / shades / grades / **colours**

4) **scrape** / pass / go / crawl

5) visit / study / attend / **apply**

6) **first-class** / first-grade / first-level / high-level

7) go / do / **play** / walk

8) **missed** / lost / wasted / forgotten



Now it's time for me to answer your questions. In my school we have plenty of **extracurricular** activities but this year I'm not going to have time to **take** part in any of them. This is because I need to get high **grades** in all my exams to get a **scholarship** my parents can't afford high **tuition** fees. As for your second question, I think that distance learning isn't very effective because of technical problems pupils often face. Also, it can be hard to **pay** attention to what's going on the screen when there are so many distractions at home. Finally, I can say that I always prepare cheap **sheets** but I never use them because you can be **disqualified** from the exam if you get caught. ... Sorry, I have to go now as we are **doing** research on teenagers' eating habits and I need to do a survey.

- 1) compulsory / individual / **extracurricular** / optional
- 2) **take** / have / give / play
- 3) points / balls / results / **grades**
- 4) **scholarship** / tuition / fees / discount
- 5) studying / education / learning / **tuition**
- 6) take / buy / **pay** / put
- 7) **sheets** / pages / notes / tests
- 8) thrown / left / **disqualified** / unqualified
- 9) making / taking / working / **doing**

In your letter you asked me a few questions and I'd like to answer them. Well, I had to **take** my Maths exam five times before I finally managed to **pass** it. As for my future plans, after I **graduate** from the university, I'm thinking of travelling round the world. Talking about my plans, I would like to **study** Medicine as I'm planning to become a doctor. As for my parents, they disapprove of my choice because they want me to follow in my Dad's footsteps and **study/teach** French at university. Personally, I think that I can 6) **teach** myself to speak the language. ... Sorry, I'd better finish now as I have to **revise** for my history test tomorrow.

- 1) **take** pass / make / go to
- 2) **pass** win / succeed / take
- 3) leave **graduate** / finish / end
- 4) **study** learn / teach / take
- 5) **study** do / **teach** / educate
- 6) study / learn / **teach** educate
- 7) learn **revise** / remember / repeat

Which do you prefer and why?

- 1) studying at home or in a school library?
 - 2) revising on your own or with a friend?
 - 3) using electronic books or paper textbooks?
 - 4) having an online class or a face-to-face class?
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- 5) having individual or group lessons?
 - 6) listening to a lecture or discussing things with a teacher?
 - 7) watching films or reading books in English?
 - 8) practising your speaking skills or doing grammar exercises?
 - 9) having an online class with the camera on or off?
 - 10) doing your homework in advance or burning the midnight oil?
 - 11) starting revising in advance or putting it off till the last moment?
 - 12) studying in the morning or in the evening?
 - 13) studying yourself or with a private tutor?

Decide if these sentences look logical to you. Change those which don't and finish them up.

- 1) It is apparent that while many colleges and universities set extremely **high** tuition fees, some families cannot fully afford the higher education for their children. Consequently, these students have to **work to pay university or college fees**
- 2) Also, if undergraduates get a job while still at university, they **have** a golden opportunity to get some valuable working experience. **their career prospects in the future**
- 3) However, it is often claimed the problem of students working during their studies results in lower quality of education and leads to **lower** academic performance. This happens because **lack time and energy to do their assignments and get behind with the studies**
- 4) Studying abroad can have a positive effect on forming one's **strong** character and **develop their** ability to live independently. The main reason for this is the fact that when they study overseas, students have to **deal with various everyday problems.**
- 5) Besides, studying in another country, students must learn how to get accustomed to their new environment and how to get along with the teachers and classmates which also helps them **acquire some valuable interpersonal skills.**

6) It is thought that art education at school is a waste of time. Some people claim that there are **more** important subjects that would benefit children in the future. Science, technology and mathematics, for example, are of **great** significance since these subjects **allow students to find a good job after they leave school.**

7) On the other hand, studying arts does not lead to a successful career. It is hard to deny that these days most artists are struggling to make a living selling their works of art. Thus, spending valuable school time studying arts can be regarded as... **a waste of time** **what are deemed more serious or important subjects**

8) Physical Education is often viewed as a marginal subject within the curriculum and many secondary schools actively **reduce** PE time to make way for...

9) It is a well-known fact that there has been increased pressure on schools to produce exam results. Consequently, much of the time pupils usually spend in PE lessons should now be spent... **receiving extra tutoring on topics other than PE.**

10) However, it is hard to underestimate the potential of PE to promote health and discourage lifelong physical activity. This is an important issue given that...

over 30% of pupils are classed as “overweight” or “obese” according to the latest government figures.

11) Moreover, PE is also praised for its contribution to improved psychological health and for helping to nurture social and moral development. It is hard to deny that playing sports in PE classes helps to develop the ability to work well with others and children will bring it with them throughout their entire lives. It will benefit them when they get older and prove to be beneficial when...

they have to work with others at their jobs.



Что касается меня, то я предпочитаю очные занятия с учителем. На это есть ряд причин, главная из которых заключается в том, что на таких уроках студенты более вовлечены в процесс и поэтому достигают лучших результатов.

As for me, I prefer face-to face classes with a tutor. There is a number of reasons for that the main of which might be the fact that in face-to-face classes students are normally more engaged in the process of studying and thus achieve better results.

Я знаю, что это может показаться немного странным, но когда я был ребёнком, я предпочитал делать домашнее задание в библиотеке, а не дома, потому что у меня был маленький брат, который постоянно плакал. Что касается библиотеки, там всегда тихо и комфортно. Кроме того, это бесплатно.

I know it may sound a bit strange, but when I was a child I preferred to do my homework in the library rather than at home because I had a baby brother who used to cry a lot. As for the library, it is always quiet and comfortable there. Also, it is free.

Это может показаться очевидным, но я предпочитаю занятия в маленькой группе, потому что это не так напряжённо, как индивидуальные занятия. В то же время ты получаешь много возможностей для того, чтобы приобрести новые знания и улучшить свои навыки.

It may sound obvious, but I prefer group classes because it is not as demanding as individual lessons. At the same time, you get plenty of opportunities to acquire new knowledge and improve your skills.

Я полагаю, что домашнее обучение является действительно оптимальным вариантом для тех учащихся, которые заинтересованы в достижении высоких результатов. Во-первых, при такой форме обучения ученик может уделять больше внимания тем дисциплинам, которые его интересуют больше других. Таким образом, это позволяет школьнику приобрести основательные знания в тех предметах, которые ему потребуются на последующих ступенях образования.

I believe that homeschooling is indeed the best option for really determined students. Firstly, a homeschooler can give more attention to subjects which are of most interest to him. Thus, a student can gain profound knowledge in those disciplines which they will need in the future.

В то же время, некоторые люди считают, что домашнее обучение не может быть лучшим вариантом для целеустремлённых учеников. Эти люди полагают, что для максимальной реализации своего образовательного потенциала каждому ученику необходима здоровая конкуренция среди сверстников. Поэтому только традиционная система образования позволяет ученикам получить достойное образование.

However, some people claim that homeschooling can by no means be considered the best option for determined students. It is argued that in order to realize their learning potential to the fullest school children need to compete against their peers. That is why only the traditional education system allows students to receive decent education.

Я абсолютно уверена в том, что носители языка не могут быть лучшими учителями иностранного языка. На это есть ряд причин, основная из которых заключается в том, что носители без специального образования не имеют глубоких знаний о методике преподавания иностранного языка. Таким образом, они не знают, с какими трудностями могут столкнуться иностранцы, изучающие их язык, и не могут объяснить особенности своего родного языка учащимся.

I am absolutely convinced that native speakers cannot be considered the best language teachers. There is a number of reasons for this the main of which might be the fact that native speakers without proper qualifications do not have deep knowledge of language teaching methods. Consequently, they do not know what difficulties foreign students may face and cannot explain the peculiarities of their mother tongue to their students.

Однако существует и противоположное мнение. Есть люди, которые заявляют, что нет лучше преподавателя, чем носитель языка. Утверждается, что носители владеют языком на высоком уровне и поэтому их уроки максимально эффективны для студентов.

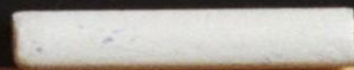
However, there is an opposing opinion. There are those who claim that there is no better teacher than a native speaker. It is believed that native speakers have a very high level of proficiency in English and therefore their classes are extremely effective for students.

How To Learn



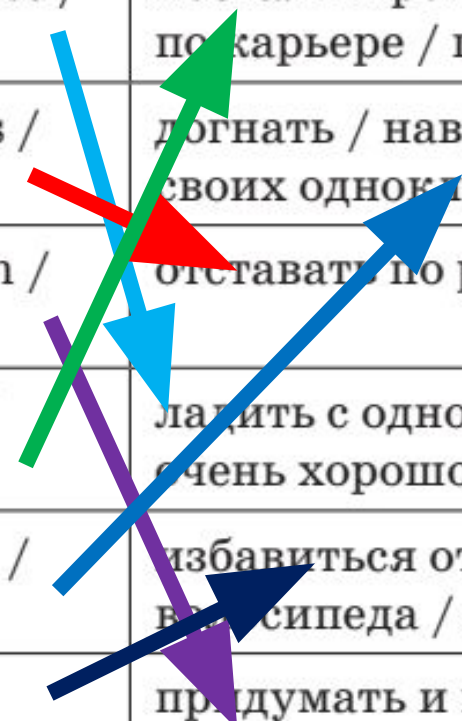
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↑ VERBS!



Check you understand the words below and match the expressions with their Russian equivalents.

get on with my classmates / with my parents / very well	ностальгировать по школьным годам / по карьере / по событиям
get behind with my work / with my studies / with my report	догнать / наверстать программу / учёбу / своих одноклассников
come up with a brilliant idea / a suggestion / a plan	отстаивать по работе / по учебе / с докладом
look back on my school years / my career / the events	ладить с одноклассниками / родителями / очень хорошо
catch up with the programme / my studies / my classmates	избавиться от старых книг / сломанного велосипеда / этого запаха
get rid of my old books / the broken bike / this smell	придумать и предложить блестящую идею / предложение / план




- 1) At first we didn't know what to do — we were in the middle of nowhere, penniless, all soaked to the bone. Luckily, Patrick **came up with** brilliant idea.
- 2) I am planning to spend the weekend with my relatives in their bungalow on the coast. The only problem is I don't really **get on** with my uncle Patrick — he's really narrow-minded and keeps asking me when I am going to get rid of my tattoos.
- 3) — How's the course in teaching teenagers going?
— Oh, terrible! So much workload! I even had to cancel my trip to Mexico because I **got behind** with my studies.
- 4) My parents learnt that I have been playing truant from classes for 2 weeks. Now I am grounded for a month and I also have to somehow **catch up with** the school programme.
- 5) — I heard congratulations are in order! Are you happy with your new car?
— No, not really. I think they have been smoking in it! I have tried everything, but I just can't **get rid of** this stale tobacco smell.
- 6) — I've just run into Miss Whiskers, she was our Maths teacher in primary school, remember?
— Yeah, I always **look back on** Maths lessons with fondness. She used to bring cookies or chocolate on cold winter days.

В своём письме ты задал мне несколько вопросов про учёбу. Во-первых, если ты хочешь блестяще сдать все экзамены, нужно повторить свои записи, но начинай заранее, иначе придётся заниматься ночью. Я бы не стала приносить шпаргалки на экзамен, так как однажды наблюдающий их заметил и меня выгнали. Теперь я пойду пересдавать. Во-вторых, высшее образование в моей стране абсолютно необходимо, так как невозможно получить работу, если у тебя нет диплома. Если у тебя хорошие оценки, можно получить стипендию и родителям не придётся платить высокую плату за обучение. Что касается меня, я собираюсь подать документы в три университета, а когда я закончу университет, то я собираюсь продолжить своё обучение.

In your letter you asked me some questions about studies. Firstly, if you want to sail through exams, you need to revise your notes, but start in advance, otherwise, you will even have to pull an all-nighter. I wouldn't take cheat sheets to my exam, because once an invigilator noticed them and I was disqualified. Now I will have to retake the exam. Secondly, higher education is a must in my country as it's impossible to get a job if you don't have a degree. If you have good grades, you can get a scholarship and your parents won't have to pay high tuition fees. Personally, I am going to apply to three universities and when I graduate, I am going to continue my education.

Теперь к твоим вопросам. Мою любимую учительницу зовут Кристина Сергеевна, она учила нас в средней школе. Она очень хороший человек — терпеливая и понимающая, а ещё она очень квалифицированная и опытная. Она делает все для того, чтобы мы улучшили наши навыки и получили глубокие знания, поэтому её ученики редко делают ошибки в тестах и отлично сдают все экзамены. Говоря об онлайн-обучении, я считаю, что это идеальный вариант для амбициозных и ответственных учеников, которые не списывают на занятиях и делают все задания. Наконец, в моей школе все основные предметы обязательные, ты не можешь выбирать, какие предметы посещать.

Back to your questions. My favourite teacher is Kristina Sergeevna, she taught us in secondary school. She's a great person — very patient and sympathetic, and she's also highly qualified and experienced. She does everything for us to hone our skills and acquire profound knowledge, so her students rarely make mistakes and always sail through exams. Talking about online education, I think that it's a great option for ambitious and responsible students who don't cheat in class and do all their homework. Finally, in my school all subjects are compulsory and you can't choose which of them to attend.



В своём письме ты задал мне несколько вопросов про учёбу. Вчера мы писали тест и я еле сдал его, хотя я и готовился к нему две недели. Я получил низкую оценку, но все же не завалил его. Моя мама сказала, что если я не поступлю в университет, то она будет очень опечалена, так что я пообещал ей готовиться к следующим экзаменам лучше. Что касается студенческих грантов, то я могу сказать, что их очень сложно получить, так что большинству родителей приходится оплачивать высшее образование своих детей. Мой брат сейчас на втором курсе в МГУ, и он отличник, так что он получает стипендию.

In your letter you asked me some questions about studies. Yesterday we did a test and I barely scraped through, although I had been revising for it for two weeks. I got a low mark, but I didn't fail it. My Mom said that if I don't enter a university, she would get really upset so I promised her to prepare better. As for student grants, I can say that it is difficult to get them so most parents have to pay for their kids' higher education. My brother is a sophomore at MSU and he's a straight A student so he gets a scholarship

Choose the right option to complete the sentences.

1. School reunions give people a brilliant opportunity to meet their former classmates and _____ their school days.

- 1) get rid of 2) look back on 3) catch up with 4) get on

2. The teacher asked us to _____ a few examples to illustrate the rule. Unfortunately, at that moment my mind went blank and I couldn't think of anything interesting.

- 1) come up with 2) look back on 3) get behind with 4) get rid of

3. In order to avoid _____ workload at college one should do their best to attend all the lectures and seminars and make sure they revise all their notes properly.

- 1) getting behind with 2) looking back on 3) catching up with 4) getting on



4. When I graduated from uni, the first thing I did was to _____ all my books and notebooks. Actually, I sold them to a freshman and earned some extra cash.

- 1) get rid of 2) look back on 3) catch up with 4) get behind with

5. Some students find it hard to _____ their new classmates when they change schools. They often become outcasts which makes things even more difficult. As a result, it can have a negative effect on their motivation and academic performance.

- 1) get rid of 2) come up with 3) get on with 4) get behind with

6. _____ one's studies can be quite hard if you missed a lot of classes. The solution might be for a student to watch video lectures and take a course on time management.

- 1) getting on with 2) catching up with 3) looking back on 4) getting rid of



- <https://raccoongang.com/blog/what-makes-good-learning-environment/>

1) Imagine that you are doing a project on **learning environments**. You have collected some data on the subject — the results of opinion polls (see the table below).

Comment on the data in the table and give your personal opinion on the subject of the project.

What is important for students	The percentage of undergraduates who think these places are of utmost importance (%)
Libraries	65.7
Laboratories with modern equipment	62.4
Indoor common spaces	33.2
Gymnasium / sports hall	16.1
Courtyard	10.4

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project work;
- select and describe 2–3 main features;
- make 1–2 comparisons where relevant;
- outline a problem that can arise **when designing a learning environment** and suggest a way of solving it;
- conclude by giving your personal opinion **on the importance of a good learning environment**.



<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying-for-university-life/how-to-revise-for-exams>

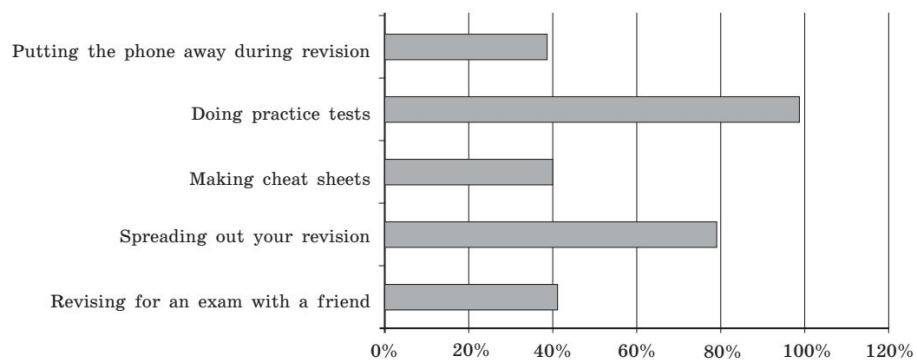
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How to revise for exams

2) Imagine that you are doing a project on **revising for exams**. You have collected some data on the subject (see the diagram below).

Comment on the data in the diagram and give your personal opinion on the subject of the project.

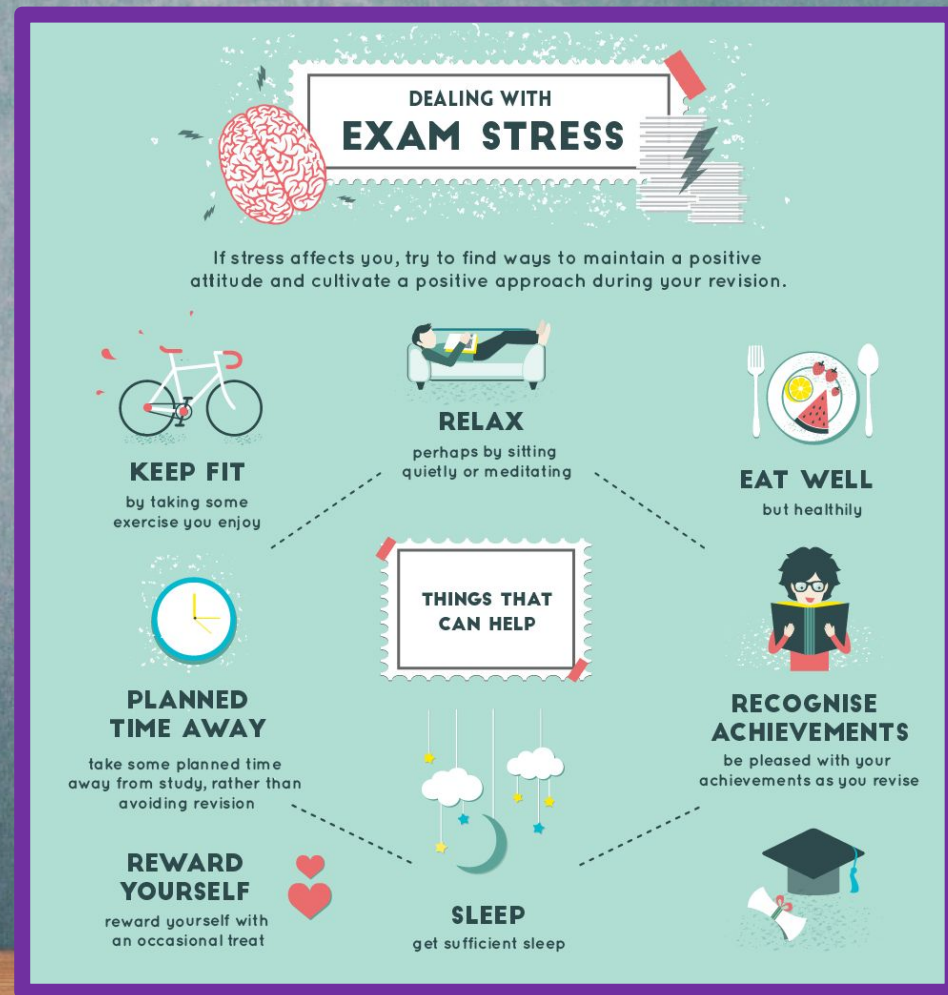
Effective revision strategies



Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project work;
- select and describe 2–3 main features;
- make 1–2 comparisons where relevant;
- outline a problem that can arise **when preparing for an exam** and suggest a way of solving it;
- conclude by giving your personal opinion **on the role of revision for exams**.



<https://www.britishcouncil.org/voices-magazine/teaching-tips-how-students-can-use-mobiles-to-learn-english>

1) Imagine that you are doing a project on **using gadgets while learning English**. You have collected some data on the subject — the results of opinion polls (see the table below).

Comment on the data in the table and give your personal opinion on the subject of the project.

Reasons for using gadgets	The number of teenagers (13–17) who regularly use their phones and tablets for learning English
Looking up a word in an electronic dictionary	91
Listening to podcasts	54
Watching films / series in the original	51
Typing essays	45
Reading books in English	11

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project work;
- select and describe 2–3 main features;
- make 1–2 comparisons where relevant;
- outline a problem that can arise **when using a gadget for studying a foreign language** and suggest a way of solving it;
- conclude by giving your personal opinion **on the importance of gadgets in our life**.



'Technology is transforming how we communicate, socialise, play, shop and conduct business.' Photo © Mat Wright

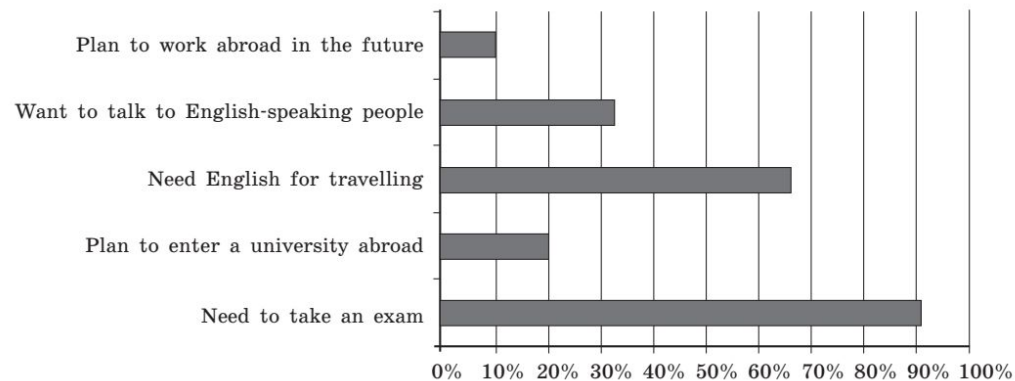
<https://www.justlearn.com/blog/what-are-the-difficulties-of-learning-a-second-language-and-how-to-overcome-them>

<https://www.rbth.com/education/326271-how-russians-learn-english>

2) Imagine that you are doing a project on **learning English**. You have collected some data on the subject (see the diagram below).

Comment on the data in the diagram and give your personal opinion on the subject of the project.

Why young people learn English



Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project work;
- select and describe 2–3 main features;
- make 1–2 comparisons where relevant;
- outline a problem that can arise **when learning English** and suggest a way of solving it;
- conclude by giving your personal opinion **on the importance of learning a foreign language**.



Task 2. You are considering taking an online language course and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are going to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:



- 1) range of languages
- 2) price per hour
- 3) discounts for students
- 4) qualifications of tutors

Task 4. Imagine that you are doing a project “Studying at university” together with your friend. You have found some illustrations and want to share the news. Leave a voice message to your friend. In 2.5 minutes be ready to tell the friend about the photos:

- give a brief description of the photos (2 features connected with the subject of the project in each photo minimum);
- say in what way the pictures are different (2 features connected with the subject of the project in each photo minimum);
- mention the advantages and disadvantages (1–2) of the **two types of classes**;
- explain how these photos illustrate the project “**Studying at university**”;
- express your opinion on the subject of the project — **whether you prefer seminars to lectures, and why / why not.**

You will speak for not more than 3 minutes (2–3 sentences for every item of the plan, 12–15 sentences in total). You have to talk **continuously**.

Photo 1



Photo 2



Task 2. You are considering entering a college abroad and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are going to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:



- 1) tuition fee
- 2) terms of scholarship
- 3) accommodation
- 4) visa requirements

Task 4. Imagine that you are doing a project “Online learning” together with your friend. You have found some illustrations and want to share the news. Leave a voice message to your friend. In 2.5 minutes be ready to tell the friend about the photos:

- give a brief description of the photos (2 features connected with the subject of the project in each photo minimum);
- say in what way the pictures are different (2 features connected with the subject of the project in each photo minimum);
- mention the advantages and disadvantages (1–2) of the **two ways of studying**;
- explain how these photos illustrate the project “**Online learning**”;
- express your opinion on the subject of the project — **whether you think online learning can be as effective as traditional learning, and why / why not.**

You will speak for not more than 3 minutes (2–3 sentences for every item of the plan, 12–15 sentences in total). You have to talk **continuously**.

Photo 1



Photo 2

