

THEME 1 SCHOOL LIFE VOCABULARY EXERCISES (SPICE UP)

A. Complete the sentences with the expressions.

save time / on time / spare time / make time / have a whale of a time

1. If you find time for something, it means you _____ for it.
2. When you don't have anything to do, you have _____.
3. When you arrive somewhere at the right time, you are there _____.
4. If you do something quickly, you can _____.
5. When you _____, it means you have a great time.

B. Complete the sentences using the expressions below. One is extra.

waste time / save time / on time / spare time / make time / have a whale of a time

1. Most students do sports in their _____.
2. My mum schedules her everyday tasks in order to _____.
3. If you want to socialise, you should _____ to see your friends.
4. We always _____ at spring festivals.
5. If you don't hand in your work _____, you can't pass your class.

C. Complete the paragraph with the given words or phrases. One is extra.

primary school / sense of humour / nuclear family / close friends / bank officer / spending time

My name is Kiara. I'm 16 years old. I come from India. I've got a _____. My father is a _____. He also gives training at various firms. My mother works as a human resources director for a big company. I've got a brother and a sister. They are both students at _____. I haven't got a pet because they need so much time and attention. Going for a picnic with my family is great fun. Every moment with my family is very special to me, and I enjoy _____ with them. They are full of love and have a great _____.

D. Match the words with their definitions.

scribe / papyrus / tomb-builder / pharaoh / hieroglyph

1. a type of paper that Egyptians used in ancient Egypt
2. someone whose job is to build large stone structures
3. a drawing or symbol that represents a word
4. a king in ancient Egypt
5. a person who copies books or documents by hand as a profession

E. Read the text and fill in the blanks with the expressions. One is extra.

classrooms / topics / homework / guide / study / creative

Can you imagine a school in a cube? Orestad Gymnasium in Copenhagen, Denmark, is just a classroom. About 350 high school students can _____ there. It is a giant glass cube that is an alternative to traditional _____. There are no walls in the school building because students need to work together on different _____. Students learn in a relaxing environment where there are drum-shaped platforms. They don't have to sit at desks; they can sit on comfortable sofas or lie on soft cushions. Students form small groups and sometimes teachers _____ them. The school focuses on media, communication and culture besides natural sciences. The aim of the school is to prepare _____ students for the future.

F. Complete the sentences with the school subjects below. One is extra.

English and French / biology / PE / ICT / maths / art

1. I really like _____ because I'm pretty good at numbers.
2. I enjoy learning about living organisms; time passes so quickly in _____ classes.
3. I'm quite interested in _____. I read about famous artists and their paintings a lot.
4. I'm very good at learning languages, so I take _____ classes.
5. Playing team sports is my favourite hobby. I never miss _____ classes.

G. Read the text and fill in the blanks with the correct words. One is extra.

dormitory / painting / rowing / stage / school trip / gym / camping / laboratory

I really love my boarding school. We live in the school _____ during the school year, and it's a lot of fun. In addition to our regular classes, we have well-organized extracurricular activities. If the weather is nice, we have our art classes in the backyard, which is my favourite spot at school. I also enjoy going to the _____ and working out. Our _____ is so well equipped that we really feel like scientists when we step in. I'm in the drama club, and we have rehearsals every Friday. Acting on the _____ is amazing! We go on a _____ every month. We visit universities, museums, fairs, etc. On Sundays, we have a _____ gathering. We split up into two groups and paddle down the river. Ours is an old school, and it has some traditions. One of them is the student-teacher _____. This activity brings students and teachers together at a tent city in Baltimore Forest. My school is like a second home to me, where I have lifelong friends and teachers.