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## School

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Most kids say they don't like school. They say their subjects are boring or there's too much homework. In fact, school is one of the best times of a person's life. Think about it. The hours are short – usually just six hours a day. You have the opportunity to learn lots of really useful stuff. You get to do science experiments, learn a musical instrument and play sports. On top of that, you get loads of holidays. Oh, I nearly forgot, you also get to see and play with your friends five days a week. What is there not to like? OK, school lunches are not the best in the world but you can bring your own lunch. And yes, exams are stressful, but if you study, you'll do well in them. I'd love to go back to school. If I had another chance, I'd try my best in every subject.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT SCHOOL SURVEY

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/s/school.html>

Write five GOOD questions about school in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.







## **HOMework**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about school. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about school. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. SCHOOL POSTER** Make a poster about school. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY SCHOOL LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on school. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on school. Share your findings with the class.

