

EDUCATION - BOARD GAME



In about 2 minutes...

1. Talk about the educational system in your country. Choose one option:
 - a) types of schools (kindergarten/nursery, primary, secondary), subjects, languages schools
 - b) teachers, pupils and students
 - c) university vs. further education colleges
3. Talk about your school days. Choose one option:
 - a) what kind of nursery/primary/secondary school did you go to? How could the time at school have been improved?
 - b) what kind of memories do you have of primary/secondary school and why?
 - c) how relevant was it what you learned at school to what you are doing today?
4. Give your opinion about one of the following:
 - a) Housework and personal relationships should be school subjects.
 - b) All schools should let children wear whatever they want.
 - c) Private schools are usually better than state schools.
5. You work at the admissions office of a University in your country. A foreign student has come to the office. Give her information and recommendations about one of the following:
 - a) accommodation (in a hall of residence (characteristics of the study bedroom), with a host family, in a shared flat) and financial assistance
 - b) facilities on campus and campus safety
 - c) what to do in town and recreational sports
6. You help in the language library at the school. Talk about the problems some users have pointed out. Choose one set of the problems above:
 - a) computers are always busy / not enough tables
 - b) excellent but scarce material / DVDs are in poor condition
 - c) purchase more dictionaries / too much noise in the library
7. Your friend is tired of his job because he has come to a standstill and cannot be promoted any further. He is thinking of taking up higher studies, but he is not really sure of whether it is a good idea or not. Give him advice talking about the pros and cons of doing a further degree:
 - a) It takes years / can get a better job
 - b) Lack of time / can get a higher post
 - c) No guarantee of promotion / can find a more interesting job
8. You are conducting a school project research against the use of exams as the only reliable way of measuring students' performance. Talk about one of the following aspects and about the importance of coming up with other tools to measure knowledge (e.g. direct observation):
 - a) Exams add unnecessary stress and pressure on students
 - b) Students tend to learn by heart
 - c) Exams don't always prove students' knowledge
9. You work for an English school in Oxford and have been invited to a Spanish secondary school to convince the students to go to England and do a summer crash course. Talk about the advantages of studying English in an English speaking country:
 - a) Always in touch with the language
 - b) Need to communicate in the language
 - c) Learn about the culture and people



10. You are in charge of a nursery and today there are some parents coming to see how good your nursery is. Convince them that your school is the best. Use one set of the following reasons:

- a) modern facilities, free transport
- b) dining room with a variety of menus, English childminders
- c) flexible timetable, experienced workers

11. You have been invited to the international cultural week at your school in London to give a talk about **studying abroad**. Talk about any of the following:

- a) learning a new language / difficulties in communication
- b) broaden horizons / home sickness
- c) better opportunities / culture shock

12. Your son has just turned 16 and does not want to study any more. He has failed his exams in the last years and is fed up with studying but he is not very keen on working either. Try to convince your partner about what is the best for your son. Choose one of the following:

- a) Change his school: send him to a boarding private school
- b) Send him abroad to work and learn a job and a language
- c) Living on his own and far from his parents might teach him a lot

13. Try to convince your partner about the type of school that you would like your two-year-old child to go to. Choose one of the following:

- a) a state school (no tuition fees, no uniform)
- b) a private school (great sport facilities, elite students)
- c) a bilingual school (study in a foreign language, in touch with foreign culture)