

Education

1 Put each of the following words or phrases in its correct space in the passage below.

state
private
grant
fees

terms
primary
secondary
academic

seminar
tutorial
lecture

degree
graduate
break up

co-educational
nursery school
compulsory

When children are two or three years old, they sometimes go to a (a) _____, where they learn simple games and songs. Their first real school is called a (b) _____ school. In Britain children start this school at the age of five. The (c) _____ year in Britain begins in September and is divided into three (d) _____. Schools (e) _____ for the summer holiday in July. (f) _____ education begins at the age of about eleven, and most schools at this level are (g) _____, which means boys and girls study together in the same classes. In Britain education is (h) _____ from five to 16 years of age, but many children choose to remain at school for another two or three years after 16 to take higher exams. Most children go to (i) _____ schools, which are maintained by the government or local education authorities, but some children go to (j) _____ schools, which can be very expensive. University courses normally last three years and then students (k) _____, which means they receive their (l) _____. At university, teaching is by (m) _____ (an individual lesson between a teacher and one or two students), (n) _____ (a class of students discussing a subject with a teacher), (o) _____ (when a teacher gives a prepared talk to a number of students) and of course private study. Most people who receive a university place are given a (p) _____ by the government to help pay their (q) _____ and living expenses.

2 Explain the difference between ...

- (a) to sit an exam and to set an exam
- (b) to take an exam and to pass an exam
- (c) compulsory and voluntary
- (d) to educate and to bring up
- (e) a pupil and a student

3 Put one of the following words in each space in the sentences below.

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- (a) Which school do you go _____?
- (b) He left school _____ the age _____ 18.
- (c) The summer term ends _____ July.
- (d) She's not at home, she's _____ school,
- (e) She goes _____ Sussex University.
- (f) His lecture was divided _____ four parts.
- (g) School breaks _____ next Friday.
- (h) He is now _____ university.
- (i) She is _____ the same class as her brother.
- (j) Students usually receive a grant _____ the state.
- (k) They're given a grant _____ the state.