

## Exercises

**39.1** Make a table for the various stages and types of education in your country, like the table at A opposite. How does it compare with the UK system and with the system in other countries represented in your class or that you know of? Is it possible to find satisfactory English translations for all the different aspects of education in your country?

**39.2** Fill the gaps in this life story of a British woman.

At 5, Nelly Dawes went straight to ..... (1) school, because there were very few ..... (2) schools for younger children in those days. When she was ready to go on to secondary school, she passed an exam and so got into her local ..... (3) school. Nowadays her own children don't do that exam, since most children go to a ..... (4) school. She left school at 16 and did not go on to ..... (5) education, but she goes to ..... (6) once a week to learn French. She would like to take up her education again more seriously, if she could get a ..... (7) or scholarship from the government. Her ambition is to go to a ..... (8) and become a school-teacher.

**39.3** Correct the mis-collocations in these sentences.

- 1 I can't come out. I'm studying. I'm passing an examination tomorrow.
- 2 Congratulations! I hear you succeeded your examination!
- 3 You can study a lot of different careers at this university.
- 4 I got some good notes in my continuous assessment this term.
- 5 She's a professor in a primary school.
- 6 He gave an interesting 45-minute conference on Goethe.
- 7 She got a degree in personnel management from a private college.

**39.4** What questions could you ask to get these answers?

- 1 No, they have to finance their own studies.
- 2 There isn't much difference; it's just that the courses are more practical in a polytechnic instead of being very academic.
- 3 Well, they learn one or two things, like recognising a few numbers, but most of the time they play around.
- 4 Because I wanted to be a teacher, no other reason.
- 5 It's sixteen, but a lot of kids stay on until eighteen.
- 6 Well, I've been up all night revising for an exam.
- 7 No, ours are given in grades, you know, B+, A, that sort of thing.
- 8 No, I was ill. I didn't miss it deliberately.

*Follow-up:* The education system in the USA is a bit different from in the UK. How could you find out what the following terms mean in the US education system?

high-school    college    sophomore    graduate school