School days

What do you think the children are doing in each picture? How old do you think they are in each picture?

A Listen and read.



Lucy is twelve. She's in year 6 at Salford Primary School in Kent. It's her last year of primary school. Lucy's teacher asks the children to remember all their years at Salford Primary School and write about the things they remember most.

'When I was five, I came to Salford Primary School. The teacher was Ms Hill. She was very kind. We sang lots of songs and painted pictures. I learnt to read and write too. I still remember our first reading book, it was called *Duck's Birthday*!



'When I was seven, my teacher was Mr Thomas. He was very strict. In Mr Thomas's class, I met my best friend, Molly. We sat next to each other. After school, I often went to Molly's house. In Mr Thomas's class we worked very hard. We learnt a lot of new things about plants and animals in Science. In Maths, we learnt to divide and multiply.



'When I was nine, I was in year 4. Our teacher was Ms Martin. I liked our Geography and History lessons best because we learnt about the Egyptians, life in the past and life on Earth.'

B Put the events from Lucy's school days in the correct order.



- a. She met her best friend Molly.
- **b.** She learnt about the Earth and life in the past.
- c. She remembers her years at Salford Primary School.
- **d.** She read *Duck's Birthday*.

C Read and say *True* or *False*. Correct the *False* statements.

- 1. When Lucy was seven, she learnt about the Egyptians.
- 2. Lucy met Molly when she was seven.
- 3. Ms Hill was very strict.
- 4. In Maths, Lucy learned about life in the past.
- 5. When she was nine, Lucy liked her English classes best.
- 6. In Mr Thomas's class, Lucy painted pictures and sang songs.





Study hard and do your homework

I'm nearly 12 now but I started school when I was three. My teachers in the first years were all very kind to me. But now I've got so much work that there's no time for TV and the teachers always say...

'Study hard and do your homework', and then it's time for bed.

At school I study English, Spanish, Music and P.E. And Science, Art and Maths, which is very hard for me! I'm waiting for the summer time when I can just be free and the teachers will not say...

B Match the subject to the school book.



G Write sentences in your folder using *learn* or *study* with the words in the box.



Remember!

- Learn to do something: *Learn* to read.
- Study something: Study Maths.



Simple Past

I		started school.		l You She / He We They		didn't	start school.	
You	J	studied History.			J		study History.	
She / We They	He	sang songs in Ms Hill's class. sat together. went to Molly's house.			He		sing songs in M class. sit together. go to Molly's ho	
	l you		start school in 2000? study History?			Yes,	l you	did.
Did	sh	e / he we :hey	sing songs in Ms Hill's class? sit together in class? go to Molly's house after school?		1?	No,	she / he we they	didn't.

D Read this summary of Andy's life at primary school.



Andy started at Tollcross Primary School when he was five. He learnt lots of songs and he painted lots of pictures. He also learnt to read.

When he was seven, he met his best friend, Henry. They sat together at school. After school, Andy and Henry often went to the park to play or did their homework together.

When Andy was nine, he enjoyed learning about the different countries in the world. He loved his Geography class!

• Write the verbs from the text in your folder. Then write the Simple Present of the verbs.

Example: Andy started - Andy starts

E Read the text again and take turns to ask three questions about it to your classmate.







A Read about the Maya civilization.



Last summer, Lucy went on holiday to Mexico and she learnt all about the Maya civilization. The Maya civilization originated in southern Mexico and extended to large parts of Central America. Lucy was very interested in the history of the Maya people. Grandma taught her how the Maya numbering system worked. Look how the Maya represented numbers 0 - 19.



B Read about these Maya children and answer the questions. You have to find out the Maya numbers!

- 1. Ixchel and Atziri went to the market and bought necklaces and _____ bracelets each. How many pieces have they got now between the two of them?
- 2. Tepeu's mother sent him to the market. She asked him to buy _____ bananas, **_____** oranges and ••• lemons. How many pieces of fruit did Tepeu buy?
- 3. Mulac collected beautiful marbles. She had •••• blue ones, _____ green ones and _____ brown ones. One day she lost _____ marbles. How many marbles did she have left?

When Lucy's class studied the Egyptians, they went on a trip to the British Museum in London. After the trip, Lucy wrote a report about the Egyptians.

G Read and match the texts to the pictures.

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On Wednesday 14th of May, our class went to the British Museum in London. We visited the Egyptian Exhibition, and saw amazing things from Ancient Egypt.

When an Egyptian pharaoh died, the people made a mummy. They cleaned the body and then they wrapped it in cloth. Then they put the mummy in a sarcophagus.

They often put gold cups or jewellery in the sarcophagus, such as rings, earrings or bracelets.

Tutankhamon was a famous pharaoh in Ancient Egypt. This is the golden mask that was on his mummy. His tomb was discovered in 1922. There were many treasures in his tomb.

There are over 100 pyramids in Egypt. The most famous are the pyramids of Giza. They are in the desert, close to Cairo. The ancient Egyptians built the pyramids as tombs for their dead pharaohs. If you go to Egypt, you can visit the pyramids of Giza.



D Which picture did Lucy not write about in her report?

a

b

d

e



Writing a letter to a pen friend

A Rachel is writing to a new pen friend. Read her letter and then answer the questions.



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Dear Susan,

My name's Rachel. I live in Manchester with my parents and my sister Louise. I'm in the sixth year of primary school. I'm a bit sad because this is my last year at this school. Now I want to tell you about some of the things I remember most.

I started school when I was three. I can't remember it but my mother says that I didn't want to leave her and that I was very sad at first. But school was fun and I soon made a lot of new friends. I learnt the letters of the alphabet and I learnt to count. We also painted pictures, sang songs and played lots of games.

When I was six, I started primary school. Everything changed. We didn't sing or paint very much. We practised reading and writing and in Maths, we learnt to add and subtract.

This is my last year at primary school but I still have the same best friend and I still like school. Write to me soon and tell me about your school and family.

Love, R<mark>a</mark>chel

- 1. How old was Rachel when she started school?
- 2. Why was she sad when she started school?
- 3. What did she do at school during the first years?
- 4. How old was Rachel when she started primary school?
- 5. Name three things that changed when Rachel started primary school.
- 6. Is she happy to leave primary school?

B Write a letter to a pen friend about what you remember from school.





A Read the poem. [



Starting school Past

I started school when I was four, I loved to paint and sing and draw. I still remember my first day, The songs we sang, the games we played.

Present

'It's time for school, get out of bed.' I look at Mum and scratch my head, 'What do you mean? School's not today! I want to sleep, Mum: it's Saturday!'



B Answer the questions. 📝



- 1. Who says these sentences in the poem, the mother or the boy?
 - a. 'It's time for school, get out of bed.'
 - **b.**'What do you mean?'
- 2. Why does the boy scratch his head? Why does he feel this way?







History Science Music Geography English

- ____ we are learning about the Vikings, about their voyages a. In _____ and how they lived.
- **b.** We're reading a novel by Kenneth Grahame in _____ . The novel is about animals that can talk and act like people.
- c. We're learning to play different instruments in ____ . ľm learning to play the guitar and my best friend, Lydia, is learning to play the violin.
- d. In ______ we're learning about insects. Yesterday we learnt that there are more than a million different species.
- . I love learning about different e. This year I'm studying _ countries.

History

2 Listen and circle the subject.

- English a. Maths French
- **b.** Science
- **c.** Maths
- P.F.
- Art English German

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Geography **d.** Music

3 Put the words in the correct order.



a. in / laboratory / In / Science / do / we / the / experiments / .

b. in / the / games / do / play / exercises / and / We / gym / .

c. circulatory / about / year / the / we / Last / system / learnt / .

Write the past tense of these verb	
a. ask	
b. write	
c. enjoy	g. go
d. paint	h. sing
Complete the contenent using the	e past tense of the verbs in the box. 📝
complete the sentences using the	
paint study learn sit meet	sing
a. Yesterday we sc	and in our Music class
b. I History last ye	5
 c. Yesterday, after school, I 	
, ,	ar, I next to my best friend, Marie.
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	? I that when I was six.
f. She to read wh	en she was four.
watch play enjoy read like a. When I was six,	
c. Last week	
J	
e. Yesterday	
Read and complete the questions	and answers
	lots of pictures at primary school?
Yes, I did.	
b. Did you learn to write when you we	
Yes,	
	a lot of homework when you were six?
No, I didn't.	
d. Did you sit with the same partner la	-
No,	