

## Unit 3 Education

### Practice with your Skype Buddy

Below are the words and phrases that you have covered in the materials. You will now have a chance to practise them with your Skype Buddy. Read each question before you meet your buddy. Make a quick plan for each topic question. Try to use the new words you have learnt.

#### **Warm-Up Questions** (Short answers)

- How was your week?
- What's the most interesting part of your town?
- What kind of jobs do the people in your town do?
- Would you say it's a good place to live? Why?

#### **Education Questions** (Long answers – speak for 2 to 3 minutes)

Buddy A should answer all the questions before Buddy B has their turn.

#### **Try to use these words when you answer the questions:**

go into teaching   teaching assistant   diligent student   inspiring teacher   give encouragement   get into debt  
take out a loan   corporal punishment   distance learning   strict teacher   learn by heart   talented   enthusiastic  
extracurricular activities   continuous assessment

- Can you describe the education system in your country? How has it changed?

Speaking	Listening
Make a plan before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.



- How could the education system in your country be improved?

Speaking	Listening
Make a plan before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.

- Do you agree that the school system tends to destroy curiosity and creativity?

Speaking	Listening
Make a plan before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.

- What do you think education in your country will be like in the future?

Speaking	Listening
Make a plan before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.

- How could the teaching of English be improved?

Speaking	Listening
Make a plan before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.

- Think of a question about education to ask your partner.

### Role Play

Buddy A: You think private boarding schools (where children sleep at the school) are beneficial to children.

Buddy B: You think that children should spend as much time as possible with their parents when they are young. Argue with Buddy A.

### Reflection

Discuss how you thought your meeting went with your partner.

- 1 Which questions did you find difficult?
- 2 Did you manage to use all the vocabulary and speaking skills that you planned to use?
- 3 What do you need to improve?

Arrange your next meeting.

