ChatGPT

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Namibia. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish. What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing your background—it's great that you're already thinking seriously about your next steps. Since you just finished primary school (in Denmark that typically means 9th or 10th grade depending on your situation), you have several good options ahead of you.

Here's a breakdown of the main educational paths in Denmark after primary school, along with recommendations based on different interests and goals:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2–3-year programs that prepare you for higher education (university, business academies, etc.).

Main options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic. Good if you're interested in humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international studies.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Emphasizes technical subjects like technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year program, often used by people who want a shorter route to university or certain professions.

Recommended if:

- You like school-style learning.
- You want to keep your options open for university.
- You're not 100% sure what you want to do yet.

🛠️ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD/EGU/EUX)

These programs combine school and apprenticeship (praktik). You learn a trade and can work directly after or go further in education.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter

- Hairdresser
- Healthcare assistant
- IT supporter
- Chef

Special paths:

- **EUX** – A mix of vocational training and upper secondary (you get both a trade and a studentereksamen-level exam). Great if you want flexibility between working and higher education later.

Recommended if:

- You like hands-on learning.
- You want to start working earlier.
- You're interested in a specific profession.

🔄 Still not sure?

You can also:

- **Take a 10th grade (10. klasse)** to mature a bit more, explore interests, and prepare better for your next choice.
- **Consider efterskole** (if you haven't yet) for a unique social and personal development experience.

My Recommendation (based on your background):

Since you're fluent in Danish, grew up in Denmark, and just finished primary school, here's what I suggest:

- **If you enjoy academic subjects and are open to going to university:**
  → Consider **STX** or **HHX**, depending on whether you're more interested in general subjects or business/economics.
- **If you're more practical and like to learn by doing:**
  → Explore **EUX** – it's a very strong path that gives you a trade and the possibility of university later.
- **If you're unsure or feel like you need more time:**
  → Do **10th grade**, maybe at an **efterskole** to grow socially and academically before deciding.

Would you like help figuring out what careers or subjects you might enjoy? I can help with a short test or a few questions to guide you.