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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 that! Since you're 16, living in Denmark, and just finished primary school (which likely means *folkeskole* up to 9th or 10th grade), you're at a great decision point. Here are your main educational options and what they might lead to. I'll also suggest a few ways you can think about your interests, goals, and background in this decision.

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are aimed at preparing you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Focuses on general subjects like languages, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme):** Focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** A 2-year program for students who may want a slightly shorter path to university or need a more practical approach.

Good for you if:

You want to go to university, but you're not sure what field yet. You're academically inclined and like school subjects like history, science, or business.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

A more hands-on, job-oriented path. You can become a skilled worker (like a carpenter, chef, hairdresser, IT support tech, etc.).

Structure: Combines school with paid internships in companies (praktik). You still have the option to take the **EUX**, which adds academic courses so you can still apply to higher education later.

Good for you if:

You prefer practical work, like using your hands, being active, or learning by doing. You may want to start working sooner or pursue a trade.

3. 10. Klasse

An optional year where you can get more ready for one of the above paths. Many people use it to grow personally, academically, or socially.

Good for you if:

You feel unsure about your direction, want to improve grades, or just want more time to mature and prepare.

How to Decide?

Here are a few reflection questions to help you pick the right path:

- **Do I enjoy academic subjects or more practical, hands-on learning?**
- **Do I see myself going to university one day?**
- **What subjects or careers interest me? (Business? Tech? Health? Art?)**
- **Do I want to work soon, or study longer first?**
- **Would I thrive more in a school-based environment or by working in a company?**

Your Background

Being born and raised in Denmark with Namibian roots can be a big strength:

- Bilingual/multicultural people are often very adaptive.
- You may have unique insights into global or social issues—valuable in fields like international business, law, education, or public service.
- If you're interested, your heritage could inspire future work in international development, healthcare, or global politics.

Final Tips

- **Visit open houses** at gymnasiums and vocational schools nearby.
- **Talk to a study advisor (uddannelsesvejleder)** at your school or kommune – they're very helpful and free.
- **Try internships or short placements** (praktik) if you're unsure – it helps a lot!

Would you like me to help you find specific schools or programs near where you live? Or help you explore careers based on your interests?