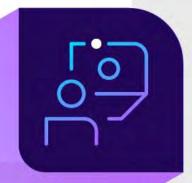


**English Online** 

# The education system

Theme: Education



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#### Before we start, please make sure...

- √ your name on Zoom is clear (use Latin letters)
- √ your camera is on and mic is off (unmute when needed)
- ✓ you are in a quiet area that helps you focus
- ✓ you have a notebook or a note app ready to take notes



#### **Zoom features**

Check your audio and video settings



Use Latin letters for your name









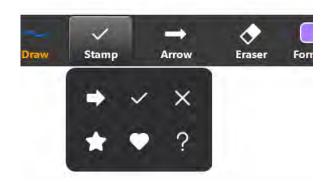
Ask questions in the Chat or use Reactions

Share Screen when the teacher asks









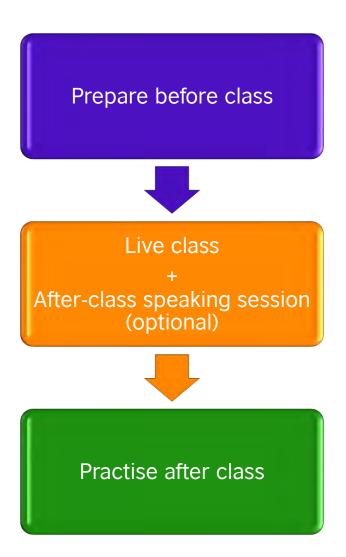
Use Save to make screenshots

## **Welcome to English Online**



#### How does it work?

You need to complete all three parts to get the most out of English Online.



## After-class speaking session

Stay back after class for 5 or 10 minutes to talk to your classmates from around the world.

#### This extra speaking practice will help you...

- improve your conversation skills
- practise using language learnt in class
- support and help your fellow students
- practise using English in a natural context
- become a part of a global learning community

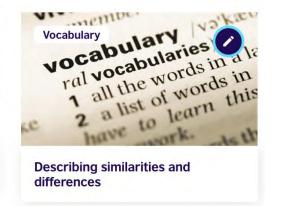


## Have you done your online activities?











## **Lesson objectives**

What do you expect to learn by the end of this class?



## **Lesson objective**

The topic of this lesson is education systems. You will decide on the contents of a blog posting or video on the education system in your country. You will find out about the education systems in the UK and the USA, how they differ and their strengths and weaknesses.

#### Skills focus

Speaking (live lesson) and listening (before and after class)

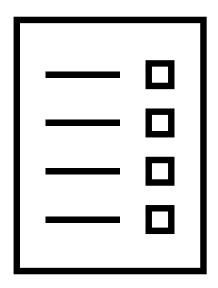
#### Language focus

Vocabulary associated with education systems

Phrases to express similarity and difference (practiced before class)

#### Lead-in

How much do you know about the education system in England? Work in pairs and discuss the questions in the handout.



## Language focus 1

These phrases describe similarities and differences. What others do you know?

- 1 a striking / clear difference:
- 2 a slight / marked similarity
- 3 completely / partially different:
- 4 vaguely / very similar:
- 5 exactly / (pretty) much the same:

## Language focus 1

Now use some of the words and phrases from the previous slide to describe similarities and differences between the following.

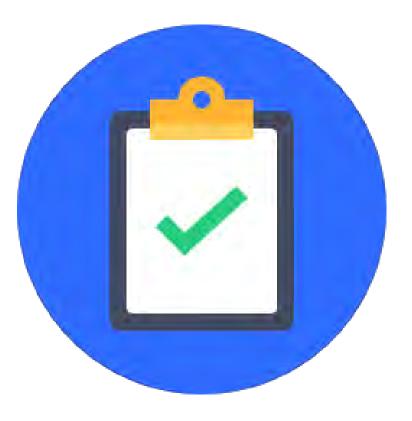
- 1 An aspect of your country and a neighbouring country
- 2 Your language and English
- 3 You and someone else in your family.

## Language focus 2

Before the class, you listened to a summary of the US and UK education systems?

- 1 What similarities and differences are there between the two systems?
- 2 Which system of education sounds better to you?
- 3 What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of each?

# Task



## **Task preparation**

You are going to plan the content of an information video or blog post about the education system for either English or American families thinking of coming to live in your country.

You will need to talk about:

- 1 the similarities between your system and theirs
- 2 the main differences that they will need to understand
- 3 what you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of your country's system

#### **Task**

Now tell your partner about the content of the information video or blog post you are going to make.

#### Remember to talk about:

- 1 the similarities between your system and theirs
- 2 the main differences that they will need to understand
- 3 what you consider to be the strengths and weaknesses of your country's system

#### **Feedback**

The striking difference is the way sts are taught in Ukrainian schools as they learn a lot of subjects at once.

I am used to studying a lot.

The way Ukrainian pupils are taught is nowhere near the British educations system as they are supposed to learn a lot by heart. For instance, you can't learn chemistry by heart, you have to understand it

#### **Feedback**

**Great natural language!** 

Watch out for...

#### **Review**



In Chat/Breakout rooms, please share:

3 new words/phrases you want to remember from today's lesson

2 activities that helped you in today's lesson

1 thing you will review after this lesson

#### **Review**

#### In breakout rooms, please discuss:

What have you learned from today's lesson?

What did you find interesting/boring?

What did you need more practice with?

Did you participate fully?

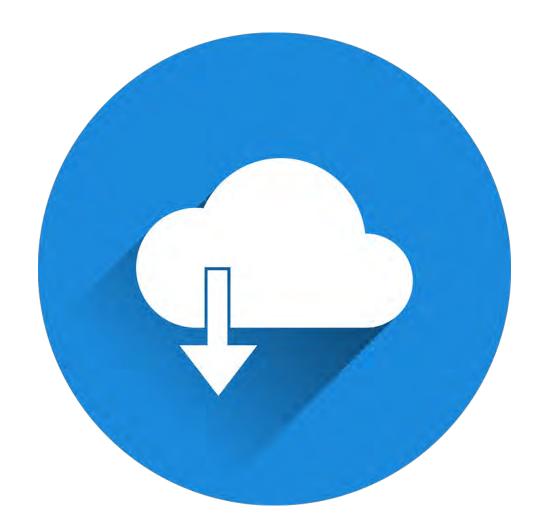
Did you achieve your aims for this lesson?



#### **Lesson materials**

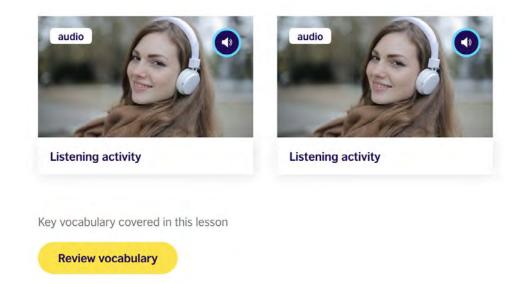
#### Make sure you:

- download the \*.pdf from the student website
- save the Zoom Chat before you leave



## How can you make more progress?

Complete these additional activities online.



Review the language rule we have practised today.



https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar/modifying-comparisons

#### What's next?

Book your next lesson in the theme.



If you have finished the theme, try the optional assessment, or a private lesson for personalised feedback!

## After-class speaking session

You can talk about any topic that interests you!

Use these questions as a guide, if needed.

- Did you enjoy school? Why/why not?
- Did you have a favourite teacher? Describe them.
- Were you a good student? Did you ever get into trouble?
- How do you think the education system in your country could be improved?
- What do you think of the idea of lifelong learning?

#### For help, contact:

support.englishonline@britishcouncil.org

#### Dos

- ✓ Treat everyone with respect
- Keep your camera on and participate
- ✓ Let others share ideas too
- ✓ Listen to everyone
- ✓ Click 'Leave' if you cannot stay back

#### Don'ts

- Don't take pictures or record
- Don't share personal details
- Don't let your children be visible onscreen

