

SPEAKING

A conversation about me

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can engage in a simple conversation about my experience at school.
- I can give a simple opinion on how languages are learnt at school in my country.



Warm-up

**Did you like school
as a child?**

Were grades important to you?





Focus on pronunciation

same



Focus on pronunciation

same

play



Focus on pronunciation

same

play

wait



Focus on pronunciation

same

play

wait

pain



Focus on pronunciation

same

play

wait

pain

The **/eɪ/** sounds like a long 'a', as in the words above.



Focus on pronunciation

eight



Focus on pronunciation

eight

weight



Focus on pronunciation

eight

weight

their



Focus on pronunciation

eight

weight

their

The letters **ei** (as in the word **eight**) are often pronounced the same way as words with the letters **ai** (as in the word **wait**).

Sometimes, the letters **ei** sounds more like **/eə/** when spoken, as in **their**.



Education vocabulary

Review the words and phrases below.



Practising new vocabulary



When I was a **teenager**, I went to **high school**.

What were you like as a **child**?



I went to **primary school** when I was very young.

I was very clever as a **child**.



Practising new vocabulary



I studied very hard to get good **grades**.

I wanted to **graduate** from the best **university**.



Eventually, I **graduated** at the top of my class.

Now, I want to **get a job** working for a nice company.





Discuss

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the questions below.

1 Were you a good student when you were younger?

2 What was your favourite class?

3 What was your least favourite class?





I was a **teacher's pet**.

A **teacher's pet** is a student who is liked by the teacher.



Discuss

Answer the questions below.

**Did you prefer
primary school or
secondary school?
Why?**

**Share your answer with the
rest of the class!**





Transform the sentences

Transform the sentences into the **present perfect**.

1 I studied very hard.



*I **have studied** very hard.*

2 I graduated from university.



3 I played sports at school.



4 I received good grades.



5 I learnt English.



6 I took music lessons at school.



Discuss

Answer the questions below.

**Did you learn English
when you were at school?
What about another
language?**



**Do you think learning
languages at school is a
good or a bad thing?**



End of the lesson

Idiom

to be in a stew

Meaning: to be in a difficult situation that causes one to feel worried

Example: She was in a stew over her exam results.



Additional practice



Matching

Match the first part of the text with its correct second half.

1 I was always a clever child.

a ...I went to primary school.

2 I finally finished school.

b ...I'm going to get a job.

3 Before high school...

c I didn't need to study much to pass my exams.

4 After I graduate...

d ...high school?

5 Did you enjoy...

e Now I am graduating.

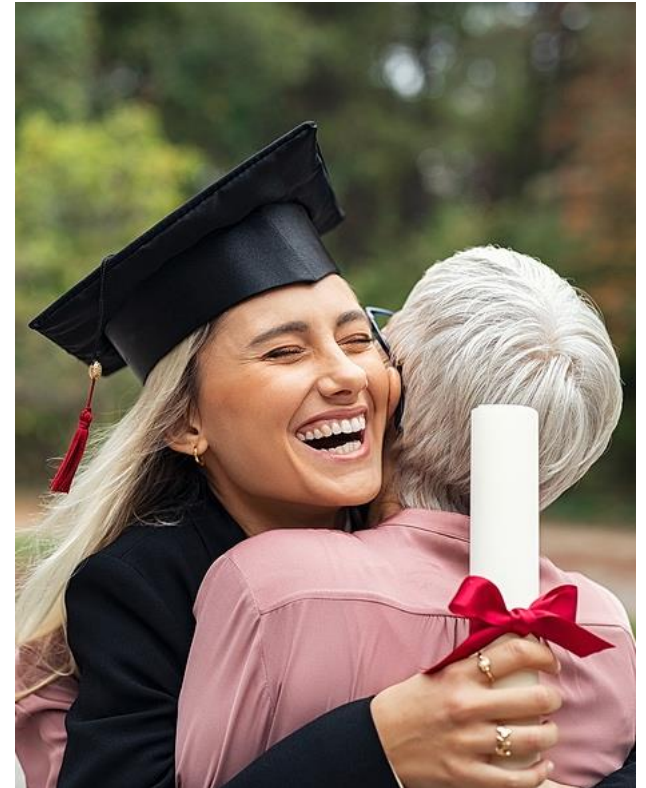


Discuss



I don't think good grades are very important. Learning skills and doing hard work make you more successful.

Do you agree with the above statement? Why or why not?





Discuss

Answer the questions below.

Did you have any breaks at your school?



What time does school start and finish in your country?



Answer key

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- 2.) I have graduated from university.
- 3.) I have played sports at school.
- 4.) I have received good grades.
- 5.) I have learnt English.
- 6.) I have taken music lessons at school.

P.24: 1.) c 2.) e 3.) a 4.) b 5.) d



Summary

Pronouncing /eɪ/

- We use the /eɪ/ sound in words like *same*, *play*, *wait*, *pain* and *wait*.
- The same sound appears in words written with 'ei': *eight* and *weight*.

School and education

- When I was a **child**, I went to **primary school**. As a **teenager**, I went to **high school**.
- I studied very hard to get good **grades**. Eventually, I **graduated** at the top of my class.



Vocabulary

to get a job

child

university

grade

to graduate

high school

teenager

primary school

