

● Education and learning

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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take / pass	prefect / pupil / student	lesson / subject
read / study	qualifications / qualities	achieve / reach
test / exam	count / measure	task / effort
primary / secondary / high	degree / certificate / results	know / recognise
colleague / classmate	speak / talk	teach / learn

Phrasal verbs

catch on understand	get on with continue doing
come (a)round (to) be persuaded to change your mind (about)	give in stop making an effort to achieve sth difficult
cross out draw a line through sth written	keep up with stay at the same level as
dawn on if something dawns on you, you realise it for the first time	sail through do something or deal with something very easily
deal with handle, cope with	set out explain, describe or arrange sth in a clear and detailed way
drop out (of) leave school, etc before you have finished a course	think over consider
get at try to express	

Phrases and collocations

attention	pay attention (to sth/sb); attract (sb's) attention; draw (sb's) attention to sth
break	have/take a break (from sth/doing); lunch break; tea break; commercial break; give sb a break
discussion	have a discussion (with sb) about/on sth/doing
exam	take/do/have/pass/fail an exam; sit (for) an exam
homework	do your homework; have homework (to do)
idea	question an idea; have an idea; bright idea; have no idea (about)
learn	have a lot to learn about sth/doing; learn (how) to do
lesson	go to/have a lesson; double lesson; learn a/your lesson; teach sb a lesson
mind	make up your mind (about sth/doing); bear (sth) in mind; in two minds about sth/doing; change your mind (about sth/doing); cross your mind; to my mind; (not) mind if
opinion	in my opinion; give/express your/an opinion (of/about sth/doing); hold/have an opinion (of/about sth/doing)
pass	pass sth (over) to sb; pass an exam/test/etc; pass a building/etc
point	see/take sb's point (about sth/doing); (see) the point in/of sth/doing; there's no point in sth/doing; make a point (of doing)
sense	make sense of sth; it makes sense (to do); sense of humour/taste/sight/etc
suggestion	make/accept a suggestion

Word patterns

able to do	fail to do	similar to sth/sb/doing
admire sb (for sth/doing)	hope to do; hope that	study sth; for sth
boast of/about sth/doing (to sb)	learn about sth/doing; learn to do; learn by doing	succeed in sth/doing
capable of doing	settle for/on sth	suitable for sth/doing; suitable to do
congratulate sb on sth/doing		

Word formation

academy academic, academically	improve improvement, improved	solve solution, (un)solvable
attend attention, (in)attentive(ly), attendance, attendant	intense intensity, intensify, intensely	study student, studies, studious
behave behaviour	literate illiterate, (il)literacy, literature	teach teacher, taught
certify certificate, certified	reason (un)reasonable, (un)reasonably, reasoning	think thought, (un)thinkable, thoughtful, thoughtless
educate education, educator, educational(ly)	revise revision, revised	understand (mis)understanding, (mis)understood, understandable, understandably
fail failure, failing	scholar scholarship, scholarly, scholastic	