



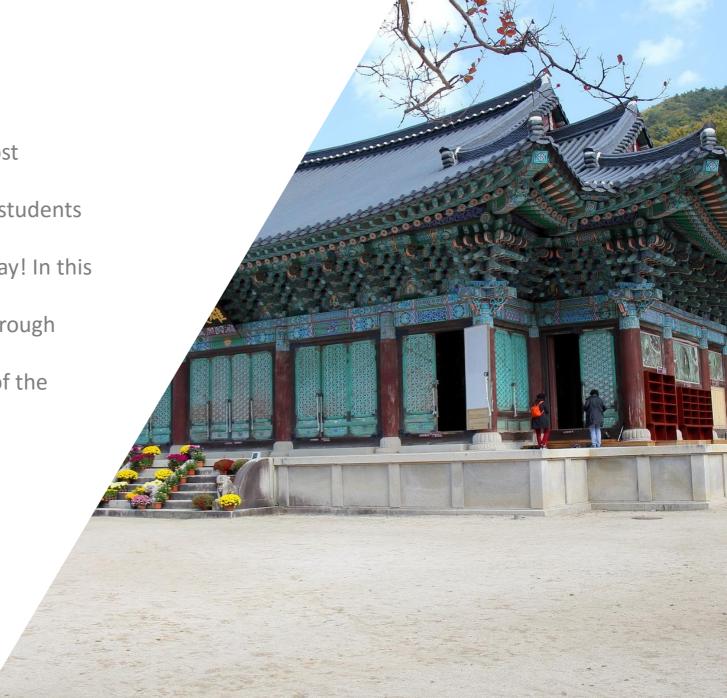
CEF Learning Goal:

Make comparisons / Discuss pros and cons



South Korea has one of the world's most competitive education systems. Some students are in classrooms for sixteen hours a day! In this lesson, we will discuss cram schools through universities in South Korea and some of the expectations students face.

START





Let's check whether you know each following word.



cram school (noun) a school that helps students get extra help studying one subject

pressure (noun) a difficult situation that makes you feel worried or unhappy

equal (adjective) the same as

top (adjective) the best

status (noun) the opinion people have about something

Vocabulary



01 Cram Schools

Education and success is very important for Korean families. Most parents will spend a large amount of money on private tutoring or cram schools to help their children get high test scores. They do this in order to help their child get into famous universities. This means students go to private school after public school, giving them little time for other activities and a lot of pressure to do well.





Is pressure a good thing to make students do well? Why or why not?



02 Universities of the SKY

Even though there are hundreds of universities to apply to in South Korea, students try their hardest to get into the three top universities in the country: Seoul National University, Korea University, and Yonsei University. Altogether they are known as the SKY universities. South Koreans see getting into a good university as equal to being able to find a job after graduating, which is why they push their children to get accepted to the ones that have good statuses.





Why do you think South Koreans believe that a good university means

getting a good job?



REVIEW DISCUSSION

With your class, discuss the pros and cons of such a competitive education system. In the end, does it benefit students? Why or why not?





With a partner, pretend you are a South Korean university

student and compare your school lives.



Complete the sentences using the vocabulary words

from this lesson:



status / equal / top / pressure / cram schools

- 1. _____ can help students fail or succeed.
- 2. A family's _____ may increase if their child goes to a Sky university.
- 1. What are the _____ ten songs right now?
- 2. What does 10 plus 50 _____?
- 1. Are _____ common in Taiwan?



ASSESSMENT

Thank you!



