

School Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

With your conversation partners, make a list of the different subjects students study at school.

Discussion Questions:

1. When did you start school? Do you remember your first day?
2. How far did you have to travel from home to school? How did you get to school?
3. Did you enjoy school life? What did you like and dislike about it?
4. Who was your favorite teacher? What do you remember about him or her?
5. What was your favorite subject at school? Why?
6. Did you have to wear a uniform to school? If so, what did yours look like?
7. What are the pros and cons of uniforms for school kids?
8. How many children were there in your class? What is the best number of students for a class?
9. Did you go to any academies or receive any tutoring outside of your main school? Is extra education like that necessary?
10. What did you and your classmates do during your lunch break?
11. Was there *bullying* at your school? Did you have to deal with any bullies?
12. Did you get a lot of homework? Do you think it helped you learn?
13. How much sport did you do at school? Is sport important for school kids?
14. Were art classes important at your school?
15. Did you learn any practical subjects like woodwork or cooking? What do you think about that kind of practical education?
16. Were your schools single-sex or *co-educational/mixed*? Which style is better?
17. Were you involved in any musical or theatrical performances at school? What memories of these events do you have?
18. When students behaved badly, how were they punished at your school?
19. What do you think about physical punishment? Is it effective?
20. Did you ever *skip* school? What did you do? Did you get caught?

