

## School & Education

- What are some good and bad things about the education system in your country?
- What do you think of online education?
- How can governments make education more efficient?
- What do you think of standardized tests?
- How can technology improve education? Can it hurt education?
- Are bigger or small schools better?
- Can you compare the schools in a small town and big city? What are the pros and cons?
- Is teaching a skill that can be taught?
- What will the future of education be?
- What do you think of homeschooling?
- Do you think disabled children should be allowed to attend the same class with other pupils?
- What are the major characteristics you think a teacher should have?
- How has the education you received changed your life?
- What or who has taught you most of the information you use on a regular basis? Did you go to a public high school or a private one?
  - What are the advantages of each type of school?
  - Which type of school did you want to go to?
- Did you have to wear a uniform in high school? How about elementary school? What do you think about uniforms at school?
- Did you study art in high school?
- Did your high school have a band?
  - If so, did you play in it?
- Did your teachers take attendance?
- Did some of your teachers let class out early?
  - What do you think when the teacher lets the class out early?
- Do you carry a dictionary to your English classes?
  - How about your other classes?
  - Do you have an electronic dictionary?
  - Can you and do you access your cellphone dictionary to find the meaning of a word?
- Did you ever skip class?
- Did you have any evening classes?
- Did you play on any of the school's sports teams?
- Do you still keep in touch with your best friend from elementary/high school?
- Have you ever been late for class?
  - If so, why?
  - When was the last time?
  - Did the teacher get angry?
- Have you ever failed a class? (Maybe this is not polite to ask.)
- Have you ever slept in class?
- How did you usually get to school?
- How long did it take you to get to school?
- How much homework did you do every day?
- Was your elementary/high school strict?
- Were you on any sports teams in high school?
- What classes do you not like? Why don't you like them?
- What did you like best about high school?
- What do you like best about this school?
- What do you like the least about this school?
- After you graduated, did you do what you had been studying?
- What is your best memory from elementary/high school?
  - What's your worst memory?
- What school did you graduate from?

- What were some of the rules you had to follow at your high school?
  - Which rules did you think were unfair?
  - Did you ever get caught breaking any school rules?
  - Were you allowed to smoke on campus?
  - Were you allowed to eat food in the classroom?
- What was your favorite subject?
  - Why did you like it?
- Which subjects are you good at? (What are your strong subjects?)
- Which subjects are you poor at? (Which subjects are difficult for you?)
- Who is your favorite teacher?
  - What course does he or she teach?
  - Why do you like him or her?
- Do you have to wear a uniform to your school? (Did you have to...) Do you like wearing a uniform?
- Are the clothes you wear to school important?
- Do you feel pressure to wear expensive, designer clothes to school?
- How are the customs in the classrooms in the US different from the customs that you have experienced in other places?
- What kind of kids did you like to sit with in your classroom?
- Do you like to be taught by a male or female teacher?
- Which subjects do you think are not useful or needed anymore?
- What does the term coeducational mean? Did you go to coeducational schools?
- Are boys and girls treated differently by teachers in coeducational schools that you have attended? If so, how?
- Do you think girls work together much better if there are no boys around? Agree or disagree?
- Do you think fashion is important at school?