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<p><b>Social Science: Amazing young people</b> co-found, compose, exceptional talent, gifted, inspiration, keep in touch, social media, symphony</p> <p><b>Around the World: Seeds of Peace</b> conflict, educators, issues, neutral, participants</p>	Biography	<p><b>Appreciate yourself.</b> Talk about amazing qualities and talents. Make an Amazing Me collage.</p>	<p><b>spl, squ, thr</b> splash, split squash, squid three, throat</p>	<p>...use words related to achievements and personal goals. ...use the present perfect and the present perfect progressive. ...talk about achievements and accomplishments. ...write a short biography.</p>
<p><b>Social Sciences: Ethics</b> acceptable, based on, ethical, ethics, excuse, harmless, morally, perspective, respectful, traits, treat</p> <p><b>Around the World: Proverbs</b> moss, proverb, reap, regret, saying, sound advice, sow</p>	Story ending	<p><b>Do the right thing.</b> Talk about the right choice in a dilemma. Make a class handbook about doing the right thing.</p>	<p><b>nch, nth, mpt</b> crunch, lunch month, tenth prompt, tempt</p>	<p>...use words related to dilemmas and consequences. ...use conditional sentences. ...give advice using <i>should</i>. ...write a story ending.</p>
<p><b>Science and Technology: Predictions for the future</b> futurist, microscopic, nanotechnology, revolutionize, wireless</p> <p><b>Around the World: Power for the future</b> climate change, dam, electricity, geothermal, hydroelectric, megawatt, power plant, solar</p>	Formal and informal emails	<p><b>Make smart decisions!</b> Talk about how the decisions you make now affect the future. Write a letter about plans for the future.</p>	<p><b>/s/, /z/, /iz/</b> eats, cooks, sleeps runs, sings, swims dances, washes, watches</p>	<p>...use words for personal ambitions and future predictions. ...use the future progressive with <i>definitely</i> and <i>probably</i>. ...talk about the future and how certain something is. ...write formal and informal emails.</p>
<p><b>Life Science: Super power or super science?</b> adhesive, electrode, fascinating, gecko, gesture, interact, skyscraper, spell out, work on</p> <p><b>Around the World: Superheroes</b> android, industry, meteorite, mischievous, native, originate</p>	Character traits	<p><b>Take positive steps for the future.</b> Talk about the positive things we can do for our future world! Make a class book about positive steps for the future.</p>	<p><b>/t/, /d/, /id/</b> looked, walked, watched called, cleaned, climbed ended, painted, wanted</p>	<p>...use words for super powers. ...use <i>if</i> to talk about imagined situations. ...talk about what I would do in imagined situations. ...write a description of a superhero.</p>
<p><b>Life Science: The weirdest living things</b> absorb, adapt, blink, break down, digest, give birth, infection, injure, nectar, nutrients, protein, rays, slippery</p> <p><b>Around the World: Ancient civilizations</b> article, civilization, contribution, cultivation, influence, legacy</p>	From story to play	<p><b>Appreciate school.</b> Talk about the practical uses of school subjects. Create a book of names from ancient Greece that are used today.</p>	<p><b>er, est</b> cheaper, easier, faster, happier best, longest</p>	<p>...use words for school subjects and school topics. ...compare things using <i>more/fewer/less</i> and <i>the most/the fewest/the least</i>. ...talk about school subjects and make comparisons. ...rewrite a story as a play.</p>
<p><b>Earth Science: Aurora Borealis</b> altitude, clapping, interact, nitrogen, oxygen, phenomenon, pole, solar wind, stand out, swirling</p> <p><b>Around the World: Mysterious findings</b> artifacts, clearing, diameter, rapid, sighting</p>	Cause and effect	<p><b>Be curious.</b> Talk about the importance of being curious. Create a booklet about two mysteries.</p>	<p><b>un, inter, re, pre, super</b> unhappy international recycle, reduce preused Superman</p>	<p>...use words for scientific mysteries. ...use question tags with <i>be, can, and do</i>. ...talk about mysterious phenomena. ...write a cause and effect paragraph.</p>
<p><b>History: Accidental discoveries</b> archeologist, artifact, carving, dig, goddess, pharaoh, remains, tomb, treasure</p> <p><b>Around the World: The new seven world wonders</b> compile, gladiator, sea level, structure</p>	Report	<p><b>Take pride in your town or city.</b> Talk about interesting places in my town or city. Create a map for a bicycle trip to famous or interesting places in your town or city.</p>	<p><b>able, ful, ly</b> comfortable, washable beautiful, peaceful deeply, slowly</p>	<p>...use words for famous places and monuments. ...use the passive voice and relative clauses. ...talk about famous places and structures. ...write a report about a country.</p>
<p><b>Language Arts: A formula for success</b> climax, formula, plot, producer, script, structure</p> <p><b>Around the World: Unique musical instruments</b> bagpipes, concertina, distinctive, squeezed, steel drums</p>	Movie review	<p><b>Appreciate different opinions.</b> Share and discuss different opinions. Make an opinion map to compare, discuss, and record classmates' opinions about a topic.</p>	<p><b>sion, tion, ation</b> decision, television fiction, option celebration, invitation</p>	<p>...use words for entertainment and events. ...use reported speech. ...talk about entertainment and people's opinions. ...write a movie review.</p>

# Welcome to Class!

**1** Read and answer. Which of the good habits do you have?

## HOW TO BE A TOP LEARNER FOR LIFE!

Do you want to be a good learner? We can show you how!



### 1 LISTEN UP!

Listening in class is important. We listen so that we know what we need to do, and to show respect to the teacher. However, we should also listen to our classmates when they talk, too. We can get new ideas from listening to others. And, when the teacher gives you advice on how to improve – what should you do? Listen, of course!

### 2 GET INTO GOOD HABITS!

Put your school schedule on your door or on your bedroom wall. Make a note in your diary or on the schedule when you need to hand in your homework. Don't leave your homework or assignments until the last minute. Start your homework a day earlier. This will give you time to check your work before you give it to the teacher.

### 3 DON'T GIVE UP!

Have you ever thought you just can't do your math or history homework? It's a horrible sensation, and one that we all feel sometimes. Don't just sit there, ask for help! You should ask someone at home to explain what to do – but not do the homework or essay for you. You should also ask a teacher for help, or go to a homework club at school. Lastly, don't say "I can't!"; say, "I can't yet!" Remember, you will understand it one day.



### 4 ENJOY LEARNING

Everyone loves their favorite subject. Maybe yours is art or computers? However, it's also important to enjoy the other subjects, too. Maybe you don't love studying math because you think it's difficult. If you practice hard and get a little better, you might just like it more. Or, find a part of math that you like – perhaps geometry or solving math problems. Try to find something in every subject to enjoy.

**2** Read and say **true** or **false**. Find the paragraph for each statement.

- 1 We should only listen to the teacher in class. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Asking for help is important. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 It's not important to try and enjoy all subjects. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Asking someone to help with homework is a good idea. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 You should start doing homework days before it's due – not the night before. \_\_\_\_\_

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**3** Write the verb. Then write an example sentence for each.

- 1 do my homework  
I did my homework on time last week, but then I left it at home!
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ an assignment  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ school schedule  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ math  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (English) is difficult  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ someone to explain  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ your work  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4** Work with a partner. Ask and answer.

- 1 Do you / always / do / homework / on time?
- 2 Do / always / look / school schedule?
- 3 How / do / remember / difficult words in English?
- 4 How long / spend / write / assignments?
- 5 When / should / start / homework?
- 6 Who / can / ask for help / homework?



Do you always do your homework on time?

Well, I try, but if I find it really difficult. Sometimes it isn't on time.



What can you do differently to be a better learner?

# Welcome to Class!

5 Listen, read, and write. What's special about today for Lexie?



Hi, Jacob!

It's the first day at my new school!

Yes, a bit! 😬 But, I think I have everything covered...

OK, OK! You're just like my mom!

Yes, yes, I got it... There's some fruit in there, and carrots, so don't worry!

It's in my <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I packed it last night.

Got it! The principal emailed it through to dad last week. He printed it out for me.

Yes, I need to go to the principal's office. She's called Mrs. Goodwin. Then I have <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I have history in the afternoon – my favorite!

Nothing, but I have to catch the bus! Wish me luck!

Hey, Lexie! What's up?

How are you feeling? Nervous?

OK, let's check then. You don't want to forget anything!

So, do you have your <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_? I hope you have something healthy in there?

What about your <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_? Have you packed it?

And what about your school schedule? You don't want to forget where to go!

Great, you should put it in your backpack, you know. And do you know where to go first when you get to school?

OK, so, what's left to do?

Good luck! You'll be great! 😊

6 Underline the classroom objects in the text. Circle the school subjects.

7 Work with a partner. Ask and answer about Lexie.

1 How / Lexie / feel?

2 What / have / in her backpack?

3 Who / email / the school schedule?

4 Which classes / Lexie have today?

5 What / should / Lexie do / first?

How is Lexie feeling?

She's feeling nervous.

# Welcome to Class!

**Have** you ever **been** late for school?

Yes, I **have**./No, I **haven't**.

**Has** she ever **forgotten** her homework?

Yes, she **has**./No, she **hasn't**.

**8** Read and ✓ or X for you. Then complete the questions and answers.

Have you ever...?

	be / late for school	forget / homework	take / taxi / to school	be / field trip
Monica	✓	X	✓	X

- Has Monica ever been late for school? Yes, she has.
- Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ on a field trip? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ your homework? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Monica ever \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi to school? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ late for school? \_\_\_\_\_

You **should** always listen to the teacher.

You **shouldn't** leave your homework until the last minute.

**9** Read the problems and use the words to write advice. Then ask and answer with a partner.

- I never have any time to rest. I'm always studying. I'm so tired!  
 (keep studying so hard) You shouldn't keep studying so hard.  
 (make a list and prioritize) You should make a list of your tasks and prioritize.
- I find writing long assignments really difficult. What can I do to get better?  
 (feel stressed) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (start writing short texts first) \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to play an instrument, but I don't know which one. How can I choose?  
 (worry by yourself) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (watch some music lessons, then decide) \_\_\_\_\_
- I have a test next week and I haven't studied for it. Help!  
 (worry, have time) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (write a study schedule) \_\_\_\_\_



# 1

# All About School

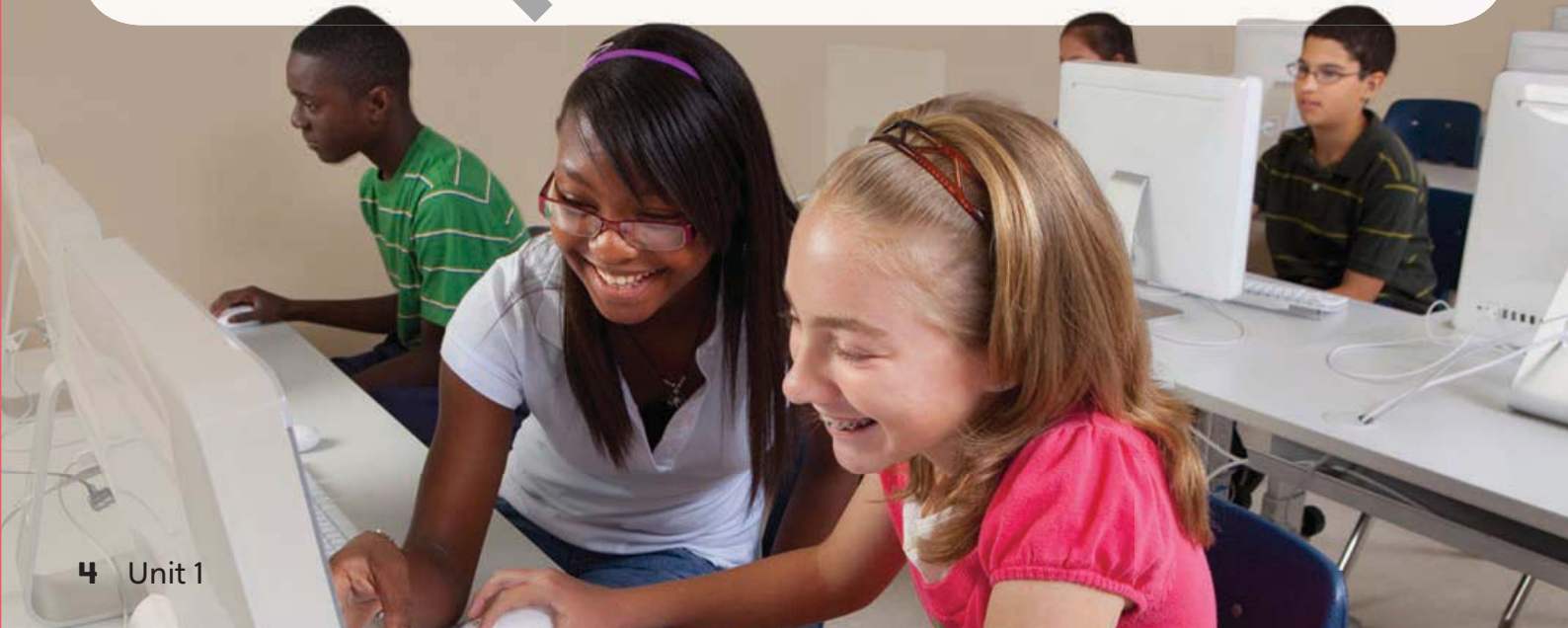
## Language in Context

I will learn to talk about school activities and excuses.



Read and listen to the statements. All of them are true! Talk about them with a partner. Which one is the most surprising? Why?

- 1 Some kids have *didaskaleinophobia*, which is the fear of going to school.
- 2 Richard Branson, creator of Virgin Records and the Virgin Atlantic airline, didn't finish secondary school.
- 3 There is an alternative school in Canada that doesn't test students, and it doesn't follow a strict schedule, either. Students decide how to spend the school day and which activities to attend. They're grouped not by their age, but by their interests.
- 4 Finnish students rarely take exams or do homework until they are into their teens. But they rank at the top or near the top in international tests in science, math, and language.
- 5 China has the longest school day in the world. A Chinese student spends almost eleven hours in the classroom each day!
- 6 In South Korea, secondary school students applying for college all take the same standardized test. On the day of the test, people come to the school to support the students who are going to take the test. They give out candy, tea, and other treats to the students. Some cabs give the students free rides, and additional trains and buses run before and after the exam.



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Listen and complete the questions. Then listen again and match the questions to the excuses.

done her book report    finished their project    studied for the test  
handed in his assignment    done your homework

1 Have you \_\_\_\_\_ yet?

Yes, I've already...

a no time

2 Have you \_\_\_\_\_ yet?

No, I haven't...

b forgot it

3 Has she \_\_\_\_\_ yet?

Yes, she's already...

c lost it

4 Has he \_\_\_\_\_ yet?

No, he hasn't...

d watching TV

5 Have they \_\_\_\_\_ yet?

No, they haven't...

e accident

3

Work with a partner. Take turns making up your own bad excuses.



Have you finished your homework yet?

No, I haven't.

Why not?

There was a power cut, and I couldn't find my flashlight.



**THINK  
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When do we usually give excuses? What's the difference between an excuse and an explanation?



I will understand a text about giving advice.



Listen and read. What's the problem? What different advice is offered?



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boy1\_xyz

Hey, you guys. I'm only twelve years old, and I'm already under so much stress. I think I'm developing didaskaleinophobia. Have you ever had it? It feels like school is one long punishment. I have so much homework! I barely have time to talk to my friends! What should I do?



cookie48

Uh-oh. That's not good. Have you told your parents? I told mine about my situation, and we ended up having a meeting with my teacher. That might sound stressful, but it was actually helpful. My teacher still gives a lot of homework, but she helps me manage it. Things aren't perfect, but I feel better.



34309843\_kc

Take my advice, boy1\_xyz: Don't tell your parents! Trust me – they'll think you just don't like studying. You'll end up in more trouble than you were in before.



imsosmart

I agree with cookie48. Tell your parents about your situation and about how it's making you feel. Show them all your homework.



cute\_girl28


I disagree with 34309843\_kc. I had the same problem. At first, I couldn't tell my parents, but then every Sunday, I'd start feeling sick at the thought of going to school the next day. I finally told my parents. They talked with my teachers, and it helped. At the end of the school year, I ended up transferring to an alternative school. My new school suits me much better. We have a lot more freedom. We choose our subjects and school activities. I've been here for a month now, and I'm MUCH happier.



citymouse1


Hey, cute\_girl28. Your school sounds reaaaaaally cool! Where is it?

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**techieboy03**

I've already researched alternative schools, citymouse1. There are some great ones in the U.K. I've also researched similar schools in Scotland. There are some really cool ones that are unusual and interesting. I'm guessing, but I think your school might be in London, cute\_girl28. Am I right?




**cute\_girl28**

You're close, techieboy03. Good guess! You're a great detective. There are a lot of alternative schools in London. I know because I researched it, too! My school is in Brighton. I just love my school!



**boy1\_xyz**

I like your idea. I think an alternative school would fix my problem. But those schools are difficult to get into, and there are only a few of them.



**rainbowgirl**

Why not try homeschooling? I'm being homeschooled, and I really like it. My mom teaches me all the subjects. We go on field trips a lot. And once a year, we go to an event just for homeschoolers. It's very exciting. I look forward to it every summer!

## Reading Comprehension

5 Read and say **yes**, **no**, or **doesn't say**.

- 1 Boy1\_xyz has already told his parents about his problem.
- 2 Cookie48 has spoken to his teacher about his problem.
- 3 Imsosmart and cookie48 gave the same advice.
- 4 Cute\_girl28 lives in Scotland.
- 5 Techieboy03 likes being at a traditional school.



Who do you think gave the best advice to boy1\_xyz?  
Why/Why not? What advice would you give to boy1\_xyz?

# Language in Action

I will listen to a dialog about school activities and excuses.



Listen and read. What have Peter and his mom already discussed?

**Mom:** Peter, I'm about to ask you a question. Can you guess what?

**Peter:** You're about to ask me if you can increase my allowance.

**Mom:** Ha, ha. Have you finished your homework yet?

**Peter:** Not exactly. I'm talking to Tessa.

**Mom:** Yes, I can see that. May I speak to you, please?

**Peter:** OK. *[to phone]* Tessa, I have to go. I'll call you back later.

**Mom:** So you haven't "exactly" finished your homework yet?

**Peter:** Yeah, well, I've finished my math homework, and I've almost finished my English essay, but I haven't started my history assignment yet.

**Mom:** We've been through this before, Peter. Homework first, phone calls later.

**Peter:** I know. Sorry, Mom. I'll do it now.



Practice the dialog in 6 with a partner.



Listen and stick. Then complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb.

get his license    meet the new student    see the music video    walk the dog

1 Mark's brother has already \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Pilar hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

3 Chetan has already \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Dawn hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

# Grammar

I will learn to use the present perfect with *yet*, *ever*, and *already* to talk about the past.

<b>Has</b> she <b>done</b> her solo <b>yet</b> ?	Yes, she <b>has</b> . She <b>has</b> <u>already done</u> it. No, she <b>hasn't</b> . She <b>hasn't done</b> it <u>yet</u> .
<b>Have</b> they <b>ever won</b> an award?	Yes, they <b>have</b> . No, they <b>haven't</b> .
<b>Tip:</b> Use the present perfect to talk about an event that happened at an indefinite time in the past. The specific time is unknown or unimportant.	

**9** Use the words to write questions in your notebook. Then write two answers for each question.

1 you/do/your homework/yes

*Have you done your homework yet?*

*Yes, I've already done it.*

*No, I haven't done it yet.*

2 he/finish his test/yes

3 they/ever/join an after-school club

4 your parents/talk with the teacher/yes

5 she/give the book back/yes

He <b>has</b> <u>already finished</u> the project.	He <b>finished</b> it <u>yesterday</u> .
He <b>hasn't finished</b> the project <u>yet</u> .	He <b>didn't finish</b> it <u>yesterday</u> .
<b>Tip:</b> Use the present perfect when no specific time is given. Use the past simple when giving a specific time in the past.	

**10** Look at Jan's to-do list. Write the questions and answers in your notebook.

1 (talk) Has Jan...

*Has Jan talked to Jenny yet?*

*Yes, she has. She talked to her at 4:00.*

2 (walk the dog) Has Jan...

3 (start reading) Has Jan...

4 (write assignment) Has Jan...

5 (finish science project) Has Jan...

### Things to do:

1 Call Jenny at 4:00. ✓

2 Walk the dog at 4:15. ✓

3 Start reading my book. ✗

4 Write assignment. ✓

5 Finish science project. ✗

I will learn about good sleep habits.

**11** Listen and read. How much sleep should teens get every night?

### CONTENT WORDS

according to    behavior    depressed    ideal  
on average    published    reach

## Ideal Sleeping for Health



Good sleep habits are important for good health. But how much sleep is ideal? Actually, it depends on a person's age. According to sleep scientists, younger people need the most sleep, and older people need less sleep. That may not surprise you, but the problem is that teens, on average, do not sleep enough.

In 2016, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine published a new report. It said that teens 13–18 years old should sleep 8–10 hours every day. Many scientists believe that if teens don't get enough sleep, they might become depressed, or have behavior or learning problems.

Many teens may not sleep enough because their body clock starts to change. When you're 10 years old, your body might tell you that you're tired around 8 or 9 p.m. But when you reach 13 or 14, your body clock moves about two hours. Your body starts to tell you that you're tired around 10 or 11 p.m. It takes time to get used to this change, and teens often feel sleepy in the morning.

Unfortunately, the beginning of the school day in the U.S.A., and in many parts of the world, does not match the need for teen sleep. If teens fall asleep at 10 or 11 p.m. and wake up around 6 a.m. for school, on average they may only get 7–8 hours of sleep. Some high schools in the U.S.A. have changed their schedule because of this. Instead of starting at 7:30 a.m., for example, they are starting around 8:30.

**12** Look at the passage. Fill in the missing numbers to complete the sentences.

- 1 Teens should sleep \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ hours a night.
- 2 Teens begin to feel tired around \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ at night.
- 3 Some high schools in the U.S.A. are starting their days later, at around \_\_\_\_\_.



Do you get enough sleep every night?  
Why/Why not?