

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: matching, binary choice, ranking, categorising, gap-fill

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

## Focus

Educational vocabulary

## Aim

To learn and practice vocabulary related to learning, school subjects and education.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

## Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

## Time

30 minutes

## Introduction

This education worksheet helps students learn and practice words related to learning, school subjects and education.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students match classroom object words with pictures.

Exercise A - Answer key

- |             |          |           |               |
|-------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| 1. textbook | 2. ruler | 3. pencil | 4. board      |
| 5. notebook | 6. desk  | 7. rubber | 8. dictionary |

Students then underline the correct words or phrases to complete sentences about school subjects.

Exercise B - Answer key

- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. an instrument     | 5. new vocabulary       |
| 2. numbers           | 6. people from the past |
| 3. draw and paint    | 7. cities and countries |
| 4. the natural world | 8. different sports     |

After that, students rank the school subjects in order of importance, from one to eight and compare their rankings with a partner, explaining their choices.

Next, students identify the odd word out in each set.

Afterwards, elicit why the words do not belong to their respective sets.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. dictionary (not a school subject)
2. English (not a type of stationary)
3. piano (not a sport you play in physical education)
4. rubber (not a writing surface)
5. drawing (not something you learn in maths class)

Following that, students match different types of schoolwork to their definitions.

Exercise E - Answer key

1. f
2. d
3. e
4. b
5. a
6. c

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Students then categorise each type of schoolwork according to the verb it is used with.

Exercise F - Answer key

do: an exercise, a project, homework, an experiment

take: notes, an exam

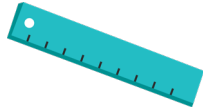
Finally, students use words from a box to complete questions about education and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Exercise G - Answer key

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. dictionary  | 5. failed     | 9. dates      |
| 2. notes       | 6. science    | 10. subjects  |
| 3. pencil      | 7. exam       | 11. homework  |
| 4. experiments | 8. instrument | 12. education |

**A. Match each classroom object word from the box with a picture below.**

pencil    board    notebook    rubber    textbook    dictionary    ruler    desk

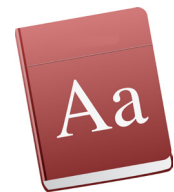


1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

4. ....



5. ....

6. ....

7. ....

8. ....

**B. Underline the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.**

1. In music class, you learn how to play *an instrument / different sports*. ....
2. In maths class, you learn about *people from the past / numbers*. ....
3. In art class, you learn how to *write well / draw and paint*. ....
4. In science class, you learn about *different cultures / the natural world*. ....
5. In English class, you learn *new vocabulary / computer skills*. ....
6. In history class, you learn about *people from the past / painting and drawing*. ....
7. In geography class, you learn about *famous authors / cities and countries*. ....
8. In physical education, you learn about *different sports / mountains and rivers*. ....

**C. Rank the school subjects in Exercise B from the most important (1) to the least important (8). Then, compare your answers with a partner.**

**D. Circle the odd word out in each line.**

1. maths, history, music, dictionary
2. rubber, English, pencil, ruler
3. football, piano, basketball, tennis
4. board, paper, rubber, notebook
5. drawing, counting, adding, dividing



**E. Match the types of schoolwork to their definitions.**

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 1. notes .....         | a. The extra work that you do after school.                |
| 2. an exercise .....   | b. An important test that you get a mark for.              |
| 3. a project .....     | c. A test in science to try and learn something new.       |
| 4. an exam .....       | d. A piece of written work that helps you learn something. |
| 5. homework .....      | e. School work that involves detailed study of a subject.  |
| 6. an experiment ..... | f. The information you write down during a class.          |

**F. Write each type of schoolwork from Exercise E under the verb it is used with.**

do	take

**G. Use the words from the box to complete the questions about education. Then, ask and answer the questions with a partner, giving reasons and details.**

science	notes	subjects	dictionary	failed	education
instrument	experiments	dates	exam	homework	pencil

- Do you use a ..... to help you learn new words in English?
- How often do you go back and look at the ..... that you have taken in class?
- Do you do your homework in pen or .....?
- Do you remember doing any ..... in your science classes?
- Have you ever ..... an exam?
- Are ..... and maths more important than art and music?
- Is it necessary to take an ..... at the end of the year?
- What ..... did you learn to play in music class?
- Is it easy to remember all the important ..... in history class?
- What ..... should be taught in schools to prepare students for their futures?
- Do you think children should have ..... every day?
- Why do parents worry so much about their children's .....