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*You are looking for information about schools in other countries. Read what you have found.*

### Text 1 Web article

## Schools and education around the world

① There are around 1.8 billion young people between 10 and 24 around the world. Many of them go to school, just like you. So, what is going to school like in other countries?

② Omodobu grabbed his  
5 backpack. Then he hopped on a  
canoe for school. Where did he go  
to school? He went to the Makoko  
Floating School in Lagos, Nigeria.

Nigerian architect Kunlé Adeyemi  
10 built this innovative school for the  
Makoko water community. It was  
built because the only primary  
school in the area was often  
destroyed by floods. There were  
15 three floors in this award-winning  
structure. The playground was on  
the ground floor and two  
classrooms were above it. Unfortunately,  
the school collapsed in 2016 due to heavy rainfall. Luckily, students like Omodobu were  
20 unharmed by the incident.



The Makoko Floating School

③ In Finland, temperatures can get as low as  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  in winter. However, this does not stop Juha from going to school. 'We call our teachers by their first names at school,' says Juha. Children in this country do not start school until they are seven years old. They do not need to do homework or tests until they are teenagers. Students of  
25 different capabilities are taught in the same classroom. This means that they will not be judged by their performance at school. In fact, they only take one public exam when they are 16. 93% of Finnish students complete their secondary education.

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## Unit 2

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Finnish students celebrating  
the last day of school

**4** Seyha studies in a boarding school near the capital of Cambodia. How does she feel about going home only once a year? 'I miss my family, but it's great that I can stay with my friends. My family is paying money for me to study here, so I'm studying hard. I want to become a vet when I grow up,' says Seyha with a big smile on her face.



Seyha's school in Cambodia

**5** Yvonne's parents are British expatriates. They moved to Paris because of her father's job. She is studying at an international school. It is near famous landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe. 'Paris is a beautiful city,' says Yvonne. 'The only thing is that I need to take a four-hour Philosophy exam next year before I can graduate from secondary school. Right now, I'm studying my Philosophy book every night to prepare for it!'



A view of the Eiffel Tower from  
Yvonne's school

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**Comprehension 1** *There is a quiz on the website about the article. Answer the questions using information from the web article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1 Why did Kunlé Adeyemi build a floating school for the Makoko water community?  
A He thought it would be a fun challenge.  
B There was no school in the area.  
C There was frequent flooding in the area. A B C D  
D The people in the water community never set foot on dry land. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- 2 What does 'it' in line 18 refer to? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Find a word in paragraph 2 that means 'fell down suddenly'.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Where is Juha's school? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How do we know that the teacher-student relationship in Juha's school is informal?  
A The students are all taught in the same classroom.  
B The teachers call their students by their first names.  
C The students call their teachers by their first names. A B C D  
D The teachers assign a lot of homework every day. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- 6 What kind of school does Seyha go to?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Which of the following about Seyha is true?  
A She sees her family frequently.  
B She loves being with her friends.  
C She is not interested in Mathematics. A B C D  
D She pays her own tuition fees. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- 8 Use ONE word from paragraph 5 to complete the following sentence.  
Yvonne's school is located near well-known \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris.

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9 Read the following comments by readers of the article. Which student are they referring to? Write the name in the line below each comment.

i)

'I'm so jealous of this student. I love reading the works of philosophers like Plato and Aristotle. It would be a joy to take this exam!'

\_\_\_\_\_

ii)

'As a mother of three, I can't imagine sending my kids so far away and not being able to see them every day. Sending many hugs to the parents of this student.'

\_\_\_\_\_

iii)

'I'm a student from Hong Kong and I don't know how to swim. I'm glad that I don't have to cross the waters to get to school like this student does.'

\_\_\_\_\_

10 Match the missing subheadings to the correct paragraph of the web article. Write the number corresponding to each paragraph (2–5) in the box next to the subheadings. One is NOT used and should be marked with an 'X'.

### Subheading

- i) Students in different countries
- ii) Living at school
- iii) Studying on water
- iv) The school with a lot of freedom
- v) A challenging exam

### Paragraph

11 Fill in the blanks using words from Text 1. You can use the words in brackets to help you.

- i) There will be an award for the most \_\_\_\_\_ (*creative*) design in the robot design competition. (paragraph 2)
- ii) Luckily, all students managed to escape \_\_\_\_\_ (*not injured*) after the school bus caught fire. (paragraph 2)
- iii) I can't take up this job because it's beyond my \_\_\_\_\_ (*abilities*). (paragraph 3)
- iv) Mr and Mrs Smith are British \_\_\_\_\_ (*foreigners*) living and working in Hong Kong. (paragraph 5)