



LESSON 12. BEST EDUCATION



**Describe the picture
Give as many details as you can.**



- Spend a minute listing down all of the different words you associate with the word “learning”.
- Discuss with your teacher.

Vocabulary Building

What jobs can you get with the following courses?

criminology
engineering



nursing
management



psychology
accounting



medicine
tourism



education
information technology



What other courses do you know?

Vocabulary Building

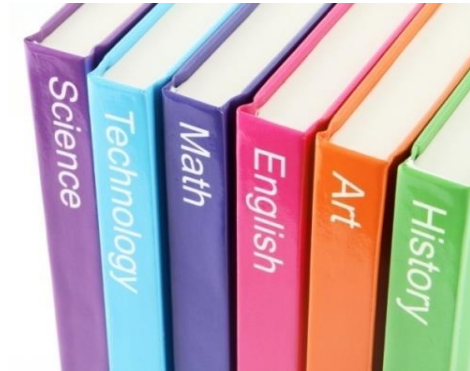
Unscramble the letters and explain how we can make them better.



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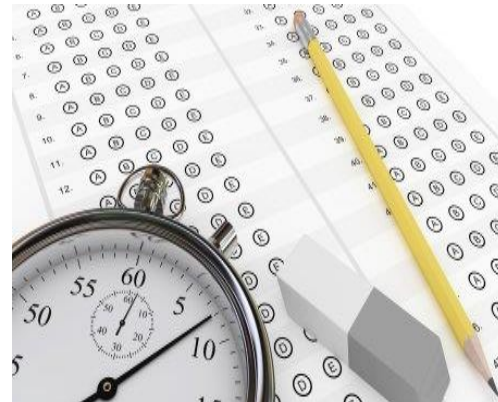
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Vocabulary Preview



analyze
global

system
statistics

essential
quality

huge
valuable

focus
exist

1. English is becoming a _____ language.
2. The store sells _____ furniture at reasonable prices.
3. One _____ that stuck out is that 40 percent of those surveyed did not have college degrees.
4. Renovating the house is a _____ undertaking.
5. A lot of _____ advice can be found in this book.
6. He's successful, but he feels that his life lacks _____.
7. A _____ microscope was use to analyze the bacteria.
8. Under the new _____, students will have to pass an exam to graduate.
9. As a fighter pilot, he knows that good vision is _____.
10. She believes that ghosts really do _____.

Fill in the gaps

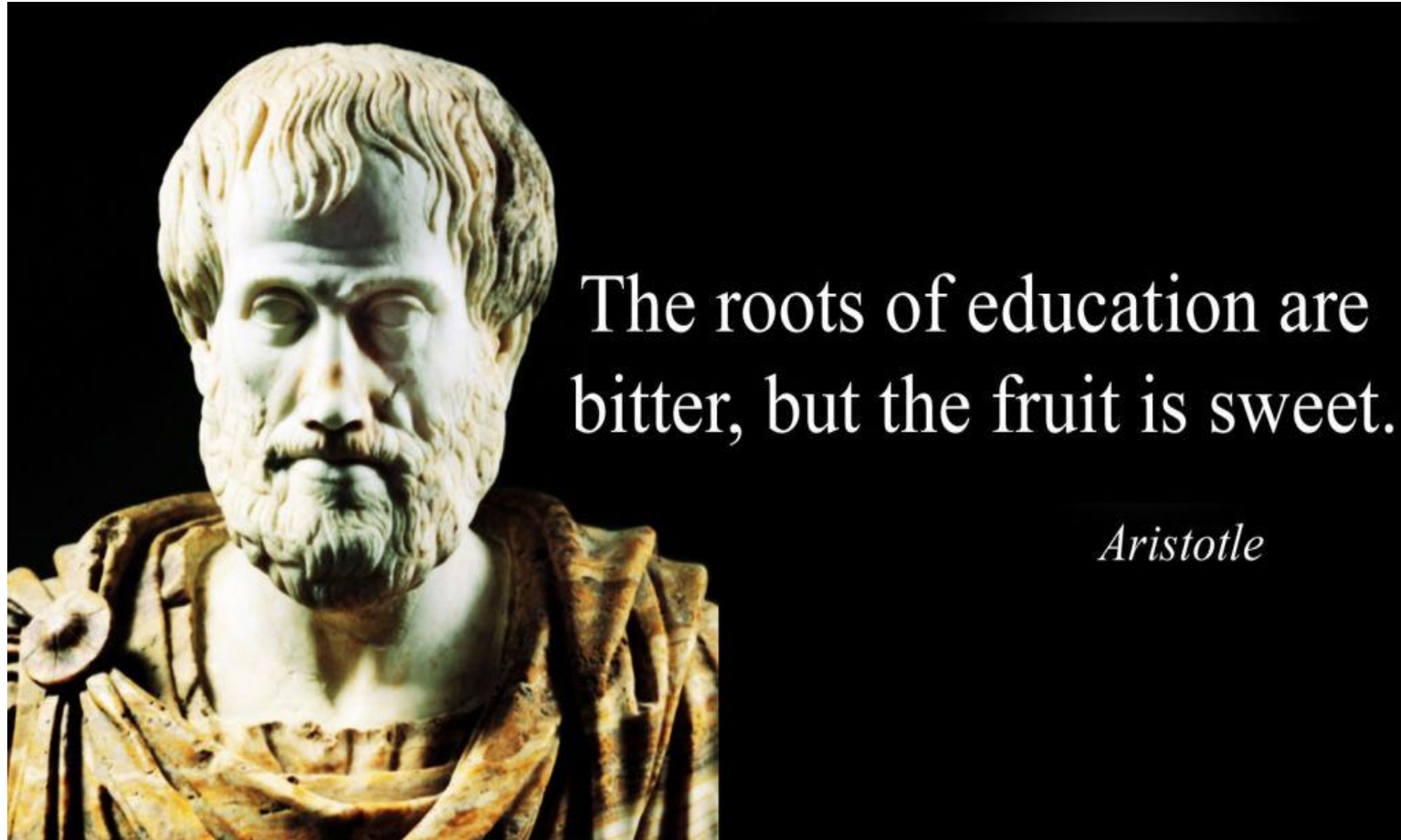
Best EDUCATION

A new report into world education shows Finland has the best system. The **global** study is called "The Learning Curve" and is from the British magazine "The Economist". It aims to help governments provide a better education to students. The 52-page report looked at the education **system** in 50 countries. Researchers **analyzed** millions of **statistics** on exam grades, literacy rates, attendance, and university graduation rates. Asia did well in the report, with South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore finishing second, third, fourth and fifth. The United States came 17th in the study, while Mexico, Brazil and Indonesia filled the bottom three positions in the top 50.

The Learning Curve reported on five things that education leaders should remember. The first is that spending lots of money on schools and teachers does not always mean students will learn. Second is that "good teachers are **essential** to high-**quality** education". The report said teachers should be "treated as the **valuable** professionals they are, not as technicians in a **huge**, educational machine". Numbers three and four are that a country's culture must have a strong **focus** on the importance of education, and parents have a key part to play. Finally, countries need to "educate for the future, not just the present." The report said: "Many of today's job titles... simply did not **exist** 20 years ago."

True or False

1. The article says Finland's kindergarten education is the best worldwide.
2. A 50-page report looked at the education system of 52 countries.
3. Researchers looked at attendance figures during their research.
4. Mexico and Brazil were in the top 50 countries.
5. The report made five suggestions for decision-makers in education.
6. The report says spending more money will mean a better education.
7. The report states parents should keep away from schools and teachers.
8. It suggests we don't know what kind of jobs there will be in the future.



Discuss the quotation.

Column A

1. report
2. system
3. provide
4. analyze
5. literacy
6. essential
7. valuable
8. huge
9. key
10. titles



Column B

- A. reading/ writing
- B. necessary
- C. method
- D. important
- E. examined
- F. study
- G. giant
- H. give
- I. names
- J. precious

Match Column A and Column B

SHOULD - COULD - WOULD

USE SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T FOR ADVICE

"I want to make more friends, but I don't know how."

"First of all, you **shouldn't** spend so much time on the computer. You **should** go out and join a club or start playing a sport instead!"

USE WOULD TO TALK ABOUT UNREAL OR UNLIKELY SITUATIONS

If I were the president of my company, I **would** make a lot of changes.

USE WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE POLITE OFFERS

"**Would you like** anything to drink?"

"A soda would be great. Thanks!"

"**Would you like** to join us for dinner?"

"I'd love to, but I actually have other plans tonight."

**SHOULD,
COULD,
& WOULD**



SHOULD - COULD - WOULD

USE COULD AND COULDN'T FOR ABILITY IN THE PAST

When I was younger, I **could** run a mile in 7 minutes. Now it takes me 20 minutes!

USE COULD FOR POSSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE

“Do you have any ideas for our publicity campaign?”

“Yes, I’ve got a few ideas. I **could** put advertisements on Face book and Google. We **could** also give out pamphlets in our neighborhood.”

USE COULD TO MAKE POLITE REQUESTS

Could you please open the window? It’s hot in here.

Don’t
use “**to**” after **should**,
could, and **would**:

~~You shouldn’t to smoke.~~

You shouldn’t smoke.

~~We could to order pizza tonight.~~

We could order pizza tonight.

~~I would to buy a new car if I had the money.~~

I would buy a new car if I had the money.

SHOULD - COULD - WOULD

1. You _____ go and meet your friend at the station !
2. She _____ improve her English to work in the USA
3. If I were you, I _____ stay at home.
4. _____ I wait for her or not?
5. You _____ go there, you will find him. I
_____ have given it back if I had seen her.
6. You _____ have listened to him!
7. Which countries _____ you go to if you travelled round
the world?
8. They _____ do more exercise.
9. I don't think they _____ get married.

Fill in the blanks with could, would, should.

Should, Could, Would

1. Helen, _____ you come over here for a minute? I need to talk to you.
2. You _____ like my brother if you got to know him better.
3. I _____ call you last night because I left my cell phone at home.
4. When your father was a boy, he _____ play soccer for 5 hours straight without getting tired.
5. In my opinion, you _____ dye your hair blonde. You'd look great!
6. You really _____ stay up so late. I don't think you're getting enough sleep.
7. I _____ touch that equipment if I were you. It looks dangerous.
8. _____ I buy a DVD or a watch for my father's birthday? What do you think?
9. Joanna, _____ you like some chicken?
10. If it rains on the date of the wedding, we _____ have the ceremony inside the church instead of in the park.

Mind your negatives!

Useful Expressions



have one's nose in a book
to be keenly reading a book



flunk out
to fail a course, to fail and then leave school



pass with flying colors
to pass something easily and with a high score

Use the idioms in a sentence.

1. the / drop / I / never / will / class / language .
2. has / world / the / around / international / become / language / the / English.
3. was / master's / going / to / degree / Tina / for / her / school / third / back.
4. the / teacher / her / administration / pleas / school / ignored / add / assistants / to .
5. the / some / all / not / school / they / children / to / bullies / go / to / at / so / can / avoid / choose .
6. I / classes / attend / improve / English / skills / at / a / language / in / my / city / because / I / to / my / program / communication .

Arrange the sentences in correct order.

1. Which subjects did you find easiest to pick up at school?
2. What subjects were you good at?
3. What subjects were you not good at?
4. What are the qualities of a good teacher?
5. What was your school like?
6. Are you still friends with anyone that you went to school with?
7. What do you think of home schooling?
8. Do you think it is good for schools to insist on students wearing uniforms? Why?
9. What do you think of the idea of boys-only or girls-only schools?
10. Do you think education should be free? Why or Why not?

Pronunciation Activity



There those thousand
thinkers were thinking
how did the other
three thieves go
through.

The ruddy widow
really wants ripe
watermelon and red
roses when winter
arrives.

Dr. Johnson and Mr. Johnson, after great
consideration, came to the conclusion that the
Indian nation beyond the Indian Ocean is back
in education because the chief occupation is
cultivation.

The End