

Explaining education in your country comparing and contrasting practice

Work together to explain the education system in your country to someone who knows nothing about it, including by comparing it to other countries. You can also use comparing and contrasting language to explain words related to education in your country which you don't know how to translate into English. At this stage, don't use a dictionary, don't ask for translations, and don't use words from your language without explaining what they are.

Look under the fold below to continue your discussion when your teacher says to.

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If you haven't already, take turns explain systems from the list below in your country, comparing them to each other and the system in other countries if that would be helpful:

- nursery school/ kindergarten
- compulsory education
- state schools/ public schools vs private schools/ independent schools
- single sex education/ co-ed education
- primary school/ elementary school
- junior high school vs high school
- university vs junior college/ technical college
- university/ graduate school
- elite universities vs mid-ranking universities
- cram school vs private tutors
- test prep
- different kinds of entrance tests
- school leaving certificate
- retaking tests
- question types on tests (multiple choice, gapfilling, essays, etc)
- homework/ assignments
- BA/ BSc/ (bachelor's/ first/ four-year/ university/ undergraduate) degree
- postgraduate degree/ master's degree/ master's/ MA/ MSc/ MPhil/ MBA/ PhD/ doctorate/ post-doc
- physical punishment/ corporal punishment (e.g. caning)
- dorm/ student halls
- grants/ scholarships
- fees/ living expenses
- lecturers/ professors
- use of technology (interactive whiteboards, etc)
- the academic year/ the calendar year
- freshers/ freshmen/ first year students
- seniors/ final year student
- foreign students
- graduate jobs

Ask about any which you don't understand, are not sure about in other countries, etc, working together as a class to make comparisons each time. Then do this worksheet: <https://www.usingenglish.com/files/pdf/brainstorming-education-vocabulary.pdf>, first of all without looking above.