



## Schools in Britain







Education in Great Britain Is free for all children between the ages of 5 and 16.





# Nursery schools or playgroups



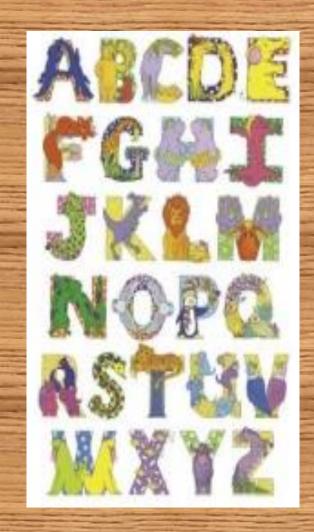




Many British children attend a nursery school from the age of 3.

In nursery schools they learn some elementary things such as numbers, colours, and letters.

Babies play, have lunch and sleep there.





#### Primary schools









Primary education lasts for 6 years.
It is divided into two periods: infant schools (pupils from 5 to 7 years old) and junior schools (pupils from 7 to 11 years old).





In infant schools children don't have real classes.

They play and learn through playing.



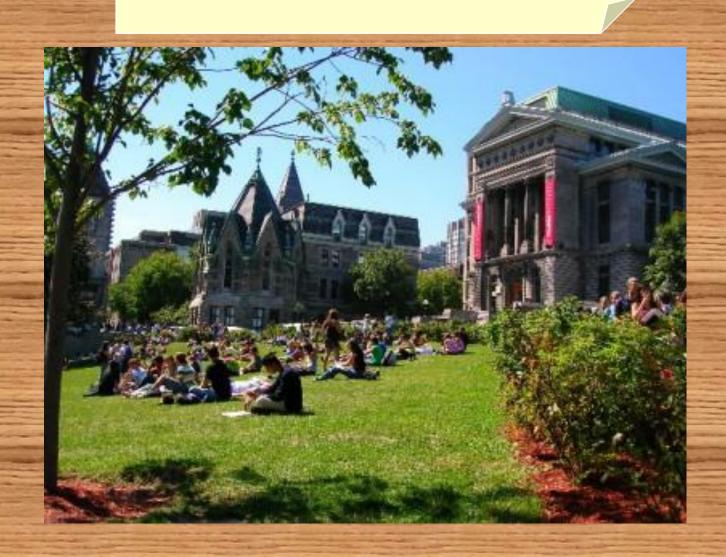
They do a lot of things in class.

40% of time — English
15% - Physical Education
12% - Art and Technology
They also do Mathematics,
Geography and History.





# Secondary schools





After six years of primary education children take exams in core\_subjects and go to a secondary school.

Compulsory secondary education begins when children are 11 or 12 and lasts for 5 years.







There are also about 500 private schools in Great Britain. Most of children live and study there. Education in such schools is very expensive, that's why only 5 per cent of schoolchildren attend them.







Secondary school children study English, Mathematics, Science, History, Art, Geography, Music, a Foreign language and have lessons of Physical training. Religious education is also provided. English, Mathematics and Science are called "core" subjects.

At the age of 7, 11 and 14 pupils take examinations in the core subjects.

After five years of secondary education, pupils take General Certificate of Secondary Education examination.

Most of children leave school and go to colleges for further education.



# School year



The school year begins in September. It never begins on Monday. The English don't think it is good to start a new thing on Monday, so school usually begins on the first Tuesday of September.

There are three terms in a school year. When the term is over, schoolchildren have holidays:

Christmas holidays - 2 weeks Easter holidays — 2 weeks Summer holidays — 6 weeks







Pupils usally have five lessons five days a week.

At four o'clock classes are usually over and pupils go home.

Schools offer after school activities such as sports club.



There is a long lunch break in the

Most children bring their own packed lunch from home. A packed lunch usually consists of sandwiches, fruit, a drink and a packet of crisps.

School uniform





Most schools in Britain require children to wear a school uniform.

