

History of teaching

Teaching has always been one of the most important jobs in the world! Find out how it has changed in the last 100 years, and what the job really involves.

Instructions

Do the preparation exercise first. Then watch the video and do the other exercises.

Preparation

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. ~~...g...~~ a career
2. sociable
3. Aussie
4. a public school
5. strict
6. to negotiate
7. to engage
someone in something
8. to collaborate

Definition

- a. to make someone interested and keep them thinking about it and working on it
- b. having lots of rules (especially about behaviour) and not letting anyone break the rules
- c. to speak with someone to reach an agreement
- d. friendly and liking to be with other people
- e. to work with someone else
- f. Australian
- ~~g. the job or series of jobs that you do during your working life~~
- h. [in Australia and many other countries] a free school that's run by the government

Tasks

Task 1

Circle true or false for these sentences.

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| 1. Mr Jessett became a teacher because he wanted to earn a lot of money. | True | False |
| 2. The first public school in Australia opened in 1849. | True | False |
| 3. In the past, teachers were a lot more relaxed and fun than now. | True | False |
| 4. Every morning, Mr Jessett checks his students' nails, hair and teeth to make sure they are clean. | True | False |
| 5. In the past in Australia, teachers could hit schoolchildren if they behaved badly. | True | False |
| 6. In the past, boys and girls always studied exactly the same subjects. | True | False |
| 7. In some schools, students learn in two different languages. | True | False |
| 8. In Australia, all teachers go to university to learn how to do their job. | True | False |

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

teach	career	groups	understand	fun	learning
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- I wanted to have a career which makes a difference in children's lives.
- He likes to engage us in our
- He makes it
- He does most activities in, which allows us to collaborate.
- He makes maths really fun and easy to
- He can you things and it doesn't feel like really hard work.

Write and draw

Would you like to be a teacher one day? Why or why not? Write about it and draw a picture.

Answers

Preparation task

1. g
2. d
3. f
4. h
5. b
6. c
7. a
8. e

Task 1

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. True
8. True

Task 2

1. career
2. learning
3. fun
4. groups
5. understand
6. teach