

Education

Language focus

- Past simple
- Modal verbs

1 Introduction

Discuss your time at school.

- What subjects were you good or bad at?
- What was the best thing about school? What was the worst part?
- Talk about a teacher you remember.



Useful language

- I was quite good at ...
- I was no good at ...
- I really loved ...
- I absolutely despised ...
- My history teacher was a lot of fun.
- My maths teacher was very serious.

2 What kind of people do teachers need to be?

Useful language

- They **need** to like teaching.
- They **shouldn't** just use the coursebooks.
- They **have** to be imaginative.
- They **can't** expect everyone to like their subject.

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Which of these is it important for teachers to be? Put the adjectives in order of importance.

organized
responsible

sensitive
entertaining

patient
sympathetic

compassionate
fair

punctual
charismatic



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Difficult situations

- a) Think of five situations that would be difficult for a teacher.
- b) Say what you would do in those situations if you were the teacher.

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Discussion

- What are the pros and cons of the public education system in your country?
- How could public education be improved?
- In your country, what opportunities do young adults have to continue their education?
- Does having a degree guarantee that you'll get a good job?

