

School Vocabulary- Things in Common

Make statements about topics and/ or using words from the list below, and see which things are true for your partner/ teacher too (making them say “Me too”, “Me neither”, etc):

Ask about any vocabulary below which you don't understand, trying to make a true personal statement (including negative statements if you like) each time.

Change partners and make questions about the vocabulary below.

Suggested questions

- Did you ever study...?/ Have you ever studied...?
- Did you ever...?/ Have you ever...?
- Did you like...?/ Do you like...?
- Did you study...?/ Do you study...?
- Do you think that... is useful/ interesting/ boring/...?
- How did you feel about...?/ How do you feel about...?
- What did you think about...?/ What do you think about...?
- What is/ was the best thing about your classroom?
- What is your favourite subject?/ What was your favourite subject?
- Who is/ was your favourite teacher?/ (What subject do/ did they teach?)

School vocabulary collocations

Join words in the same section to make expressions connected to school:

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| 1. dining | economics |
| 2. class | hall |
| 3. cram | languages |
| 4. hard- | pet/ -room |
| 5. home | principal |
| 6. (deputy) head | -room teacher/-work |
| 7. vice | school |
| 8. home | teacher |
| 9. modern/ foreign | working |
| 10. media | behaved |
| 11. music | centre |
| 12. badly-/ well- | class/ school |
| 13. physical | day |
| 14. school | education |
| 15. skip | lunch |
| 16. social/ religious/ business | room |
| 17. sports | room |
| 18. staff | studies |

Check with the vocabulary list. Other collocations may be possible, so please check if you joined them in different ways.

School vocabulary to find things in common then ask question about

- art (and crafts)
- assembly
- bully(ing)
- cafeteria/ canteen/ dining hall/ school lunch
- cheating
- class pet
- classroom
- club/ society
- confident – nervous
- cram school
- dance
- drama/ a play
- elementary school/ primary school
- funny – serious
- gym/ gymnasium
- hard-working/ studious – lazy
- HE/ home economics
- head of...
- (deputy) head teacher/ (vice) principal
- (junior) high school/ secondary school
- homeroom teacher/ tutor
- homework/ assignment
- information technology/ IT
- lab/ laboratory
- (modern/ foreign) languages (French, Chinese, Korean, German)
- library/ media centre
- mathematics/ math/ maths
- music (room)
- naughty/ badly-behaved – well-behaved
- nursery school/ kindergarten/ pre-school
- pass – fail
- PE/ physical education/ sports day
- pond
- punishment – reward
- receptionist
- science (biology, physics and chemistry)
- skip (class/ school)
- social studies/ humanities (history, geography, ethics/ religious studies, business studies/ economics)
- staff room
- stress/ stressful/ stressed
- strict – relaxed
- (PE) teacher
- test/ quiz/ examination/ exam

School vocabulary abbreviations

Write short versions of each of the expressions below:

- gymnasium
- home economics
- information technology
- laboratory
- mathematics
- physical education
- religious education/ religious studies
- examination

Use the mixed answers under the fold below to help.

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exam
gym
HE
IT
lab
math
PE
RE/ RS

Without looking at the first section, make the expressions above longer.

School vocabulary opposites

First with no help, try to think of an opposite for each word below.

- confident
- funny
- hard-working/ studious
- naughty/ badly-behaved
- pass
- punishment
- strict

Use the list of vocabulary above and/ or the mixed answers below to help.

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- fail
- lazy
- nervous
- relaxed
- reward
- serious
- well-...

School vocabulary word formation

Write at least one more version of each word below (e.g. a noun if it is a verb).

- assemble
- confidence
- study
- laze
- economy
- assign
- behaviour
- educate
- punish
- reception
- biologist
- physicist
- chemist
- historian
- geographer
- ethical
- religion
- stress
- relax
- examine

Use the suffixes below to help with the task above. Some can be used more than once.

- -ation
- -ed
- -ful
- -ics
- -ion
- -ious
- -ist
- -ment
- -ry
- -s
- -t
- -y

Check above. Many other versions are possible, so please check if you wrote something different.

School vocabulary examples/ categories

Without looking above for now, brainstorm as many examples as you can of each category below. Many words not above are also possible.

Kinds of school/ Types of school**School subjects/ Things that you study in school****Other things that people do in schools****Places in a school****People in a school****Adjectives to describe school (places, subjects, teachers, students, etc)**

Look at the list of vocabulary above to help, brainstorm more, then compare as a class.