



Home Schooling

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. Do you think homeschooling is a good idea?
Yes, it is... / No, it isn't...
2. What are the advantages of homeschooling?
The advantages of homeschooling are.....
3. Would you have preferred home schooling or going to school?
I would have preferred.....
4. Is homeschooling gaining popularity in your country?
Yes, it is... / No, it isn't....
5. Would you consider homeschooling your children?
Yes... / No....

Extended Questions

1. Do you think kids who go to school would like homeschooling?

Yes, I think... / No, I don't think...

2. Home schooling avoids many problems such as bullying. Should governments encourage more home schooling?

Yes, they should... / No, they shouldn't....

3. An American report says home schooled children do much better academically than school children. What do you think about this?

I agree..... / No, I disagree....

4. Do children who are home schooled get the social skills they need?

Yes, they do.... / No, they don't....

5. Would you be different today if you'd been home schooled?

Yes, I think... / No, I don't think...

VOCABULARIES

1. Homeschooling / ,houm 'sku:l.ɪŋ/

(noun) the teaching of children at home, usually by parents

Ex.: Children these days preferred homeschooling rather than traditional schooling.

2. Traditional Schooling

(noun) teacher-centered delivery of instruction to classes of students who are the receivers of information.

Ex.: She goes to a traditional schooling.



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3. Academic / ,æk·ə 'dem·ɪk/

(adjective) relating to schools, esp. colleges and universities, or connected with studying and thinking and not with useful skills

Ex.: Some of my classmates excelled in academics.

4. Didactic /dɪɪ 'dæk·tɪk/

(adjective) intended to teach something, especially a moral lesson

Ex.: Children's books possess a practical, didactic purpose – to instill a love for reading.

5. Heuristic /hju: 'rɪs.tɪk/

(adjective) (of a method of teaching) allowing students to learn by discovering things themselves and learning from their own experiences rather than by telling them things

Ex.: This is a heuristic school which challenges every student.

6. Pedagogical / ,ped·ə 'gɒdʒ·ɪ·kəl/

(adjective) relating to the practice of teaching and its methods

Ex.: The book describes current pedagogical methods used in teaching reading.

7. Postgraduate /poust 'grædʒ·u·ɪt/

(noun) a student who is doing advanced studies after already obtaining one degree

Ex.: I would like to pursue my postgraduate studies abroad.

8. Self-educated

(adjective) educated largely through one's own efforts, rather than by formal instruction.

Ex.: I was self-educated at the end of the school year.

9. Vocational /vou 'keɪ·fə·nəl/

(adjective) providing skills and education that prepare you for a job



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Ex.: The school offers vocational programs in welding, electrical work, and building maintenance.

10. Remedial /rɪ'mid·i·əl/
(adjective) intended to correct or improve something, esp. Skills

Ex.: Students can enroll in remedial English classes.

Useful Expressions

1. To learn something off by heart - To learn something in such a way that you can say it from memory.

Ex.: I learnt all the vocabulary off by heart.

2. To learn the hard way - To have a bad experience.

Ex.: I told her not to marry him. But she had to learn the hard way.

3. The school of hard knocks - Often said about people who haven't had an easy life.

Ex.: He learnt the hard way at the school of hard knocks.

4. To teach an old dog new tricks - The older you are the more set in your ways you become.

Ex.: He could never learn how to use the Internet. Just shows you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

5. To be teacher's pet - To be the favourite pupil of the teacher.

Ex.: She always has the right answer. She's a real teacher's pet.

6. teach a man to fish - Teaching someone how to do something is more helpful to him or her in the long run than just doing it for him or her.

Ex.: You have to teach this man to fish to survive.

Exercise

Change the underlined words to make the paragraph correct.

I think homeschooling is great. I wish my aresntp had done this. The idea of never going to school sounds too good to be true. I htead school. I wanted to stay at home every day. I really wouldn't have dmdnie staying at home and studying. Of course, you need to be cfleuar not to gofret studying. One thing about homeschooling I like is visiting emumuss or watching documentaries to leran more. This is so much better than learning in school. I think my learning at school suffered because there were many kids who didn't want to learn. I could have got reetbt krmsa if I had stayed at home. Perhaps there'll be more homeschooling in the future because of the Internet.