

EDUCATION – ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Additional definitions

TASK 1 Give words or phrases defined by the following.

- 1 _____ = a place where babies and small children are looked after while their parents are busy
- 2 _____ = a school for children between the ages of three and five
- 3 _____ = exam the result of which decides whether you can get a place on a university study programme
- 4 _____ = someone who has finished their studies at a high school, college, or university
- 5 _____ = in the UK, a place that gives students qualifications below the level of a university degree, often in the skills they need to do a particular job
- 6 _____ = to complete your studies at university or college, usually by getting a degree

Definitions 1, 2, 4-6 taken from www.macmillandictionary.com

TASK 2 Translate into Czech.

- absenteeism /æbs(ə)n'ti:z(ə)m/ =
- attendance rate =
- to drop out of school =
- excused / unexcused absence =
- to improve academic prospects =
- low-income families =
- to miss school =
- parental care /pə'rent(ə)l/ /keə(r)/ =
- reliable / unreliable transportation =

TASK 3 Read the following facts about absenteeism in America.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

Low-income students are four times more likely to be chronically absent than others often for reasons beyond their control, such as unreliable transportation or insufficient parental care.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

TASK 4 Using 80-100 words, answer the following question. *Is absenteeism a problem at Czech schools? Was there a case of absenteeism in your class when you studied at a primary or secondary school?*

TASK 5 Read the definitions of some school subjects. Write down the name of each subject.

- a) The study of the world's surface, climate, countries, population, etc. _____
- b) The study of natural forces such as light, sound, heat and electricity _____
- c) The study of plants, animals and humans _____
- d) The study of how money and financial world work _____
- e) The study of the structure of substances, usually taught in a laboratory _____
- f) In this subject you learn about the rhythm, musical instruments, composers, etc. _____
- g) In this subject you read and discuss novels, poetry and plays _____
- h) The study of drawing and painting where you learn about colours, shading and perspective _____

TASK 6 Try to write similar definitions for the following subjects.

PE (physical education) - _____

History - _____

IT (information technology) - _____

TASK 7 VERBS. Match the following verbs with their definitions.

CHEAT /tʃ i: t/, **COPY** /' kɒ pi/, **FAIL** /feɪl/, **MEMORIZE** /' meməraɪ z/, **PASS** /pɑ:s/, **REVISE** /rɪ ' vaɪ z/

1 _____ = to look at someone else's work and write the same as they have, for example to cheat in an examination

2 _____ /rɪ ' vaɪ z/= to read and learn information that you have studied in order to prepare for an examination. The American word is to review

3 _____ /pɑ:s/ an exam/test = to be successful in an examination or test by achieving a satisfactory standard

4 _____ an exam / test = to be unsuccessful in achieving a satisfactory level or standard in an examination or test

5 _____ = to behave dishonestly, or to not obey rules, for example in order to win a game or do well in an examination

6 _____ = to learn something so that you remember it perfectly

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