

- Description** Students discuss school subjects  
**Lesson link** Use this activity after exercise 1  
**Time** 10 minutes  
**Extra material** Print out and photocopy the *School days* worksheet for each student
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## Instructions

- a** Place SS in small groups of three or four. Give each group a copy of the *School days* worksheet. Ask SS to read the quotations together and then decide which school subject the speaker is talking about. This exercise will focus SS' attention on the language of school and school subjects. If your SS are unsure of the correct English terms, direct them to the list of school subjects at the bottom of the page.
- b** If SS are very interested in talking about their school days, invite them to discuss the quotations further in groups. Do they agree with the speakers?

### Answers

- 1 information technology (IT)
- 2 history
- 3 geography
- 4 literature
- 5 physics
- 6 religious education (RE)
- 7 biology
- 8 maths
- 9 politics
- 10 physical education (PE)
- 11 Latin
- 12 chemistry

## School days

1 We were the first class in my school to study it and we had to write programs and make games. It was really good fun.

2 At the moment we are studying the American Revolution. It's very interesting.

3 When I was at school I thought it was so boring, but now I love travelling and I wish I had listened to the teacher.

4 It's great. I want to be a writer when I leave school so this is my favourite subject.

5 It's not easy but it is useful. We measure speed and heat and study light and energy. I want to become an engineer and this subject is really important for me.

6 It was so interesting. I learned about Buddhism, Hinduism ...

7 We had to study plants in the class and make them grow. It wasn't very interesting.

8 It was my best subject. I never had any problems with sums, although long division was difficult.

9 There was an election just before the exam and the government changed so it made it very easy to study. We just read the newspaper.

10 I hated it. We had to play rugby in the freezing cold. It was awful.

11 We had to learn all these verb tables and it was really difficult. Nobody even speaks this language.

12 The teacher did loads of experiments with some dangerous chemicals. I think in modern schools it wouldn't be permitted.

biology	information technology (IT)	physical education (PE)
chemistry	literature	physics
geography	Latin	politics
history	maths	religious education (RE)