

My School Timetable and After-Class Activities

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Reading Passage

Read the passage carefully. Each paragraph is labelled with a letter for easy reference.

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Hello! My name is Daniel, and I am thirteen years old. I study at Lakeside Middle School. Every student gets a weekly timetable on the first day of term. The timetable shows the subjects, times, and classrooms for Monday to Friday. On Monday the first lesson starts at 8:30 a.m. We have Maths in Room 12 with Mr Green. After Maths we move to the science lab for Biology. At 10:10 we enjoy a twenty-minute break. Most students eat fruit or a small sandwich. The day ends with Physical Education (P.E.) in the sports hall. We practise basketball for the school team. Tuesday morning begins with English. We read a short story and then write five sentences about it. After lunch we have Music. I play the drums, and my friend Sofia plays the guitar. We will perform at the school concert next month. On Wednesday our timetable is shorter because teachers have meetings. We finish at 1 p.m. The last class is Art, where we paint water lilies. I enjoy walking home early on this day. Thursday includes Geography and Computer Studies. In Geography we learn about rivers. In Computer Studies we create a simple website. The teacher shows us how to add photos and text. Friday feels exciting because the weekend is close. We start with a quick Spelling Test in English. After Maths and History, school ends at 3 p.m. Many students join after-school clubs. I go to the Chess Club until 4 p.m. Our coach says playing chess helps us think more clearly in class. At home I pin the timetable next to my desk, so I always know which books to pack. Having a clear timetable and fun activities makes school life easier and more interesting.

Vocabulary Glossary

Key words and phrases from the passage. Study them before attempting the exercise below.

WORD / PHRASE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
term	a period of time when school or classes are in session	<i>The school term starts in September and ends in December.</i>
timetable	a schedule that shows the times of school classes or events	<i>Our timetable tells us when each class starts and ends.</i>
classroom	a room in a school where lessons take place	<i>The teacher asked us to be quiet in the classroom.</i>
perform	to present a form of entertainment, like music or acting, for an audience	<i>The students will perform a play at the school festival.</i>
meeting	an event where people come together to discuss something	<i>The teachers have a meeting every Wednesday afternoon.</i>
coach	a person who trains and teaches people in sports or other activities	<i>Our soccer coach taught us new skills today.</i>
paint	to create a picture using colors on a surface	<i>In art class, we learned how to paint landscapes.</i>
website	a set of online pages on the internet that have information or services	<i>The school has a website where we can find news and updates.</i>

Vocabulary Exercise — Fill in the Blank

Use one word or phrase from the glossary above to complete each sentence. Each item is used only once. Answers are on the final page.

1. Every student receives a _____ on the first day of term.
2. The teacher asked us to meet in the _____ for today's lesson.
3. Our band will _____ at the school concert next month.
4. The teachers will have a _____ tomorrow to discuss the new project.
5. Our _____ says that playing chess helps improve our thinking skills.
6. In Computer Studies, we learn how to make a simple _____.

Comprehension Questions

These questions are different from the online practice test. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D). Answers and explanations are on the final page.

Question 1

What time does the first lesson start on Monday?

- A. 8:00 a.m.
- B. 8:30 a.m.
- C. 9:00 a.m.
- D. 9:30 a.m.

Question 2

Why does Daniel enjoy walking home early on Wednesday?

- A. He has extra homework.
- B. He can play video games.
- C. He finishes school earlier.
- D. He meets his friends.

Question 3

What activity does Daniel do after school on Friday?

- A. Basketball practice
- B. Art class
- C. Chess Club
- D. Music practice

Question 4

What do students learn to do in Computer Studies?

- A. Paint water lilies
- B. Create a simple website
- C. Play the guitar
- D. Solve math problems

Question 5

What is the purpose of the school timetable?

- A. To help students know when to eat lunch
- B. To show students which books to read
- C. To tell students the schedule of classes
- D. To inform students about school holidays

Discussion & Writing Prompts

Each prompt references a specific detail from the passage above. Use for classroom discussion or a short written response (150–200 words).

1. The passage describes Daniel's school day ending at 1 p.m. on Wednesday because of teacher meetings. Do you think having a shorter school day once a week is beneficial for students, and why?

2. In Paragraph B, Daniel mentions practicing basketball for the school team. What are the benefits of participating in team sports, and do you think they outweigh the time commitment?

3. According to the passage, students create a simple website in Computer Studies. How important do you think it is for students to learn digital skills at an early age, and what other technology skills should schools teach?

Answer Key

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Q1 B

Q2 C

Q3 C

Q4 B

Q5 C

VOCABULARY EXERCISE

FIB1 timetable

FIB2 classroom

FIB3 perform

FIB4 meeting

FIB5 coach

FIB6 website

Comprehension Question Explanations

Why the correct answer is right — and why each wrong option is incorrect.

1. What time does the first lesson start on Monday?

✓ B — 8:30 a.m. The passage states that the first lesson starts at 8:30 a.m. on Monday.

✗ A — 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. is too early; the correct time is 8:30 a.m.

✗ C — 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. is after the actual start time of the first lesson.

✗ D — 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. is too late for the first lesson start time.

2. Why does Daniel enjoy walking home early on Wednesday?

✓ C — He finishes school earlier. The passage mentions that Daniel enjoys walking home early on Wednesday because school finishes at 1 p.m.

✗ A — He has extra homework. The passage does not mention extra homework as a reason for walking home early.

✗ B — He can play video games. Playing video games is not mentioned as a reason for enjoying the early walk home.

✗ D — He meets his friends. Meeting friends is not given as the reason for enjoying the early walk home.

3. What activity does Daniel do after school on Friday?

✓ C — Chess Club The passage states that Daniel goes to the Chess Club after school on Friday.

✗ A — Basketball practice Basketball practice is mentioned for Monday, not Friday.

✗ B — Art class Art class is mentioned for Wednesday, not after school on Friday.

✗ D — Music practice Music practice is mentioned on Tuesday, not after school on Friday.

4. What do students learn to do in Computer Studies?

✓ B — Create a simple website The passage states that students learn to create a simple website in Computer Studies.

✗ A — Paint water lilies Painting water lilies is part of the Art class.

✗ C — Play the guitar Playing the guitar is part of the Music class.

✗ D — Solve math problems Solving math problems is not related to Computer Studies in the passage.

5. What is the purpose of the school timetable?

✓ C — To tell students the schedule of classes

The passage explains that the timetable shows the subjects, times, and classrooms for classes.

✗ A — To help students know when to eat lunch

The timetable does not specifically tell when to eat lunch.

✗ B — To show students which books to read

The timetable does not show which books to read.

✗ D — To inform students about school holidays

The timetable does not inform about school holidays.

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