

UNIT I

BACK TO SCHOOL

A. Welcome to Cycle 1, Grade A of TEE

Task 1

Look at the two pictures. What do they show? Discuss in class.



Task2

Read the information on Greek education below and answer the questions that follow.

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Although people can go on learning while they are physically able to do so, compulsory education ends when school students reach a certain age. This is the picture of what happens in Greece today. The information comes from Laws 1566/1985 and 2640/1998 which relate to Education. Effort has been made to make it simple for everybody to understand.

Once High School students finish Junior High School*, which usually happens at the age of 15, the Law offers them three options:

- They can stop compulsory education altogether.
- They can continue their compulsory education and attend Senior High School*.

- They can attend a Technical Vocational School (TEE).*

Students who continue their education may transfer from one type of school (e.g. Senior High School) to another (e.g. TEE), if they change their mind later on. This is done only under certain conditions.

In High School, Greek students get a general type of education. Almost every town has a Senior High School. Technical Vocational Schools specialise in various sciences and technical subjects. Only cities and big towns have TEE. Also, not every TEE covers all sciences and specialisations. It is, therefore, probable that the choice of a TEE, on the part of Junior High School leavers, may mean moving from the area they live in to specialise in what they want.

*Note : Junior High School = Gymnasium
Senior High School = Lyceum
Technical Vocational School = TEE

1. When can Greek students stop compulsory education leave school? Circle the right answer.
- a) Any time they wish.
 - b) Once they finish Primary School.
 - c) Once they finish Junior High School.
- li. Can pupils transfer from Senior High School to TEE? --> **Yes (under certain circumstances)**
- lii. Do Senior High School students specialise in technical subjects? --> **No**
- liii. Where do you think this information comes from? Circle the right answer.
- a) a magazine
 - b) a leaflet
 - c) a newspaper

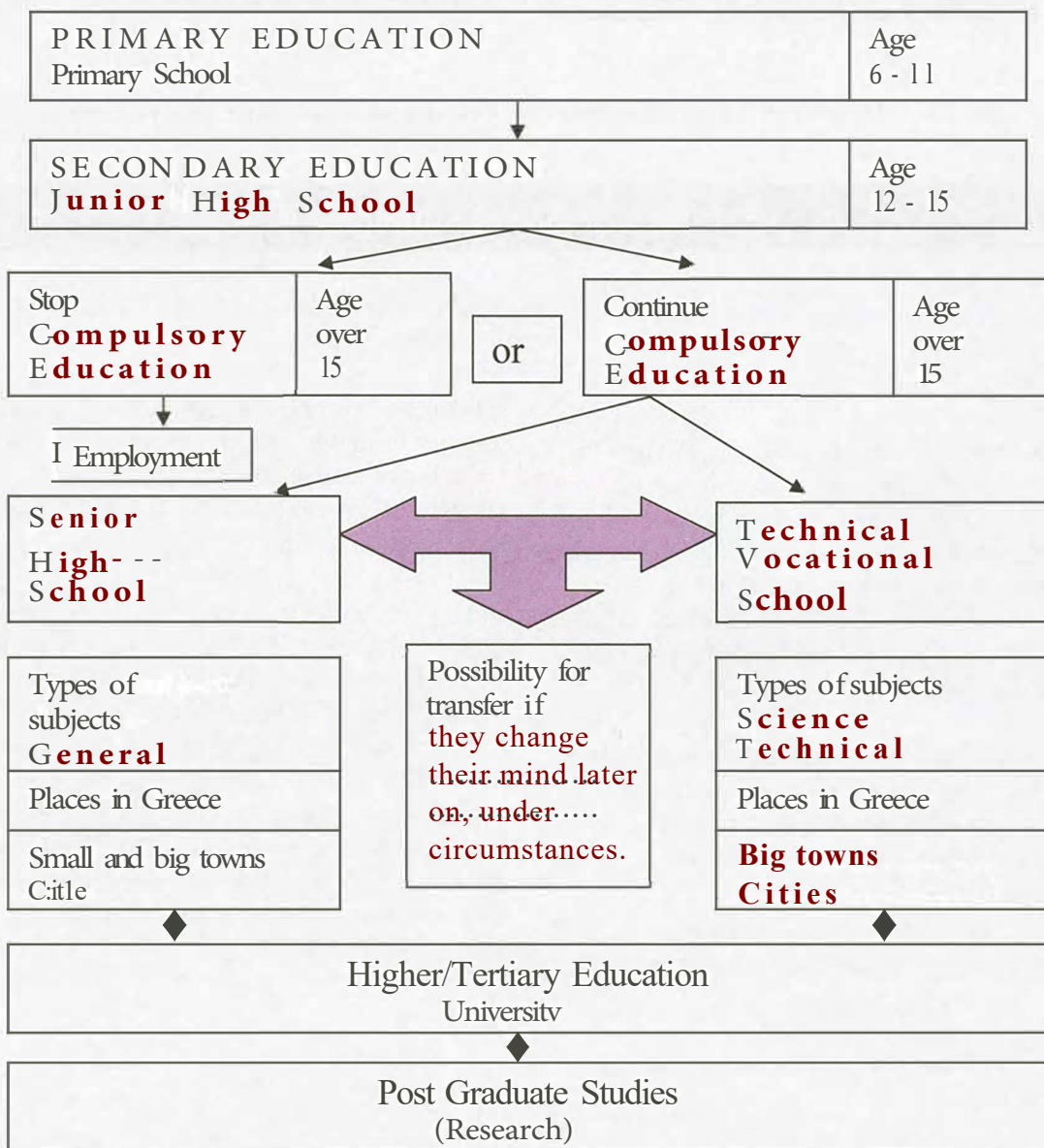
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Task3

Go back to the text and read it carefully. Fill in the diagram below with information on Greek education today. There is some help for you.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN GREECE TODAY



Task4

In the table below match the Greek translations with the English phrases or words as in the example. There is some unnecessary information too.

Phrases /words	Greek translation
subject -->	θέμα, μάθημα
law	νόμος
attend Senior High School	πάω στο Γενικό Λύκειο
transfer	μεταφέρω, αλλάζω σχολείο
condition	προϋπόθεση
change my mind	αλλάζω γνώμη
specialise	εξειδικεύομαι
various	ποικίλος, διάφορα είδη
science	επιστήμη
supplement	ένθετο, συμπλήρωμα
education	μόρφωση
option (possibility, ability, opportunity)	δυνατότητα

Task 5

These two students go to TEE Schimatariou. There is a 10-year difference between them. The boy, Tony, is twenty and is in Cycle 1, Grade B. The lady, Marina, is thirty and starts TEE this year. In pairs, imagine you are one of the characters. Take turns to ask each other the following questions.

1. Where do you come from? --> **I come from...**
2. When did you finish Primary School? --> **I finished Primary School in 19....**
3. When did you finish Junior High School? --> **I finished JHS in 19....**
4. Is this the first time you go to a TEE? --> **Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.**
5. Did you go to a Senior High School? --> **Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.**
6. Are you good at English? --> **Yes, I am. / No, I am not.**
7. What school subjects do you like? --> **I like English, History and Maths....**
8. Why did you choose to go to a TEE? --> **Because I wanted to learn more....**



Task 6

Fill in the following table with information about Tony and Marina. Put a blank where you have no information. Give information about yourself in the third column.

	Tony	Marina	You
Finished Primary School.	Tony finished Primary School in 19--		
Finished Secondary School.			
Finished Senior High School.			
Finished another TEE.			
Place they/you come from.			
Expectations from TEE.			
Subjects they/you prefer.			
How good they/you are at English.			

B. In the playground

Task 1

Look at these photos. Do they show scenes familiar to you? Which part of a school do they come from? How do the boys and girls look? Discuss in pairs or groups.



Task2

Read the two texts that come from a TEE newsletter with the above photos in mind. Are the texts and the photos related to each other?

Text 1

This is the first day of the school year at a Greek TEE. As you know, Technical Vocational Schools (TEE) are schools that specialise in technical subjects. They offer training in 14 professional areas of knowledge, while Cycles A and B offer a choice of about 80 specialisations.

The snapshots we show you come from TEE Schimatariou, which is a typical school of this kind. They could come, however, from any Greek TEE. You could be one of the schoolboys and schoolgirls, they could be one of you. At the moment, a group of them are in the playground where the A grades, Cycle 1 meet each other for the first time, while most of the B grades and C grades (Cycle 2) already know each other.

Text2

What do people do when they meet each other?

First of all, they are happy to see each other again, meet the newcomers and spend as much time as they can in the playground. They are joyful and talkative. They want to know who the others are, what they share, how they can get along well and how they can progress in knowledge about the world around them and about themselves. They hope that their teachers and their school as a whole can help them to do this.

Task 3

Read the texts again and write a paragraph about your expectations and feelings when you return to school in September, i.e. how you feel when you meet people of your age there and what going to school means to you. You can start as follows if you wish.

Schools in Greece usually start on September the 11th of September. It is a great opportunity for people of my age to be able to meet at school and talk about education, dreams and goals in life.

I am very happy every September when I come back to school and meet with old friends and discuss about our dreams and plans for the future. It is also a great place to meet young, interesting people with fresh ideas about life.

I decided to attend an Epal because I want to learn more technical stuff about the subjects I like and the profession I would like to follow.