

ACTIVITY B1 M1 003

Match the underlined words in the text below (items 1-5) with a word that has a similar meaning in this context (options A-F). There is one option you do not need.

A.	purpose	B.	idea	C.	skills	D.	behaviour	E.	success
F.	poor performance								

School Reports 'not tough enough' - report.



School reports are often not honest enough and give parents the wrong impression of their children's **(1)** ability according to a study published in the journal *Education Today*. The authors of the study say teachers sometimes do not know how to write reports; they usually don't understand the **(2)** aim of the report.

School reports should help pupils improve their work but many teachers do not give a clear **(3)** picture of the pupil's strengths and **(4)** weaknesses. 'Many reports are too positive and pupils often think their grades are better than they really are'. There is a problem at both primary and secondary school where teachers need more support with how to write reports.

Teachers discuss children's marks with parents but it is difficult to be honest face-to-face. Some children not only fail to do well on tests but also have **(5)** discipline problems.

ANSWER KEY

1. C

2. A

3. B

4. F

5. D