

READING COMPREHENSION

BACK TO SCHOOL

Daniel

I quite like going back to school in September as I'm usually bored by the end of the holidays. We live in a tiny village and my friends from school all live a few miles away – sometimes I cycle over to see them and sometimes my mum gives me a lift in the car, but there are still three or four days a week during the holidays when I've got no one to hang out with.

Another good thing about going back this year is that I've chosen the subjects I'm going to study for GCSE and from now on I won't have to do some of the subjects I didn't like, such as chemistry.

John

Going back to work in September will be good. I feel I've had a good break and am looking forward to seeing the kids again. My friends with office jobs are very envious of my holidays – they get about five weeks off a year while teachers, of course, get about three times that.

I teach Year Two; six and seven year-olds, which is a really nice age. They're sweet kids – not like some of the awful teenagers my colleagues have in their classes.

Mark

I don't like the end of the summer holidays. You have six weeks of freedom and then it's back to homework, boring teachers and having to get up at seven in the morning. I can't even sit next to my mates in class – the teachers separate us because they say we mess around too much.

The only good thing is the school sport, because I miss playing football during the summer.

Helen

It's difficult to believe how quickly the summers go by. When I was a kid the six-week holidays seemed like forever – when school finished in July you never thought about September because it seemed too far away.

It's not like that now. As a head teacher I obviously have a lot of school issues to think about before September arrives – I can't just switch off for six weeks.

READ THE TEXT AND FIND:

1-VERBS(present simple, present continuous, present perfect, simple past)

- 2-ADJECTIVES
- 3-PREPOSITIONS
- 4-ADVERBS
- 5- NOUNS RELATED TO SCHOOL

MATCH THE PHRASAL VERBS WITH THE CORRECT MEANING

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| 1- GO BACK | TO CHANGE FROM DOING ONE THING TO ANOTHER THING |
| 2- SWITCH OFF | PASS (TIME) |
| 3-HANG OUT WITH | TO WAKE UP AND GET OUT OF BED |
| 4- GET ABOUT | HAVE NICE TIME WITH FRIENDS |
| 5- MESS AROUND | TO BEHAVE IN A SILLY WAY |
| 6- GO BY | RETURN |
| 7- GET UP | MOVE, TRAVEL |

WHO...?

WRITE THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE NEXT TO THE SENTENCES.

- 1- AND ARE TEACHERS.
- 2-ANDARE PUPILS.
- 3-..... DOESN'T LIKE THE END OF HOLIDAYS.
- 4-..... HAS A LOT OF ISSUES AT SCHOOL.
- 5-..... WANTS TO SEE THE KIDS AGAIN.
- 6- LIVES IN A SMALL VILLAGE.
- 7-.....IS GOING TO STUDY FOR GCSE.
- 8-.....LIKES PLAYING FOOTBALL.
- 9-.....'S FRIENDS ARE ENVIOUS OF HIS HOLIDAYS.
- 10- THINKS THAT SUMMER HOLIDAYS WENT BY VERY QUICKLY.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- 1- WHY DOES DANIEL WANT TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL?
- 2- CAN DANIEL CHOOSE THE SUBJECTS THIS YEAR? WHY?
- 3- WHY JOHN'S FRIENDS ARE ENVOIOUS OF HIS HOLIDAYS?
- 4-HOW MANY WEEKS OFF HAVE JOHN'S FRIENDS GOT?
- 5-WHY DOESN'T MARK LIKE THE END OF THE HOLIDAYS?
- 6-WHY DO THE TEACHERS SEPARATE MARK FROM HIS MATES?
- 7-WHAT DOES HELEN DO?