

Learning & Education (1)

SITUATION

You are taking part in a student conference about education systems. The organisers have asked you to present your ideas about how education works in modern society.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Types of Education Today**.

1. Explain the different types of education mentioned in Text 1 (formal, informal, and vocational education).
2. Compare traditional academic education with practical training and describe their advantages.

DIALOGUE

1. Do you think practical training or university education is more useful today? Explain your opinion.
2. Discuss how education systems could better prepare students for modern jobs.

Text 1

“Education can take many different forms. Formal education usually takes place in schools, colleges, and universities, where students follow structured programmes and receive recognised qualifications. Informal education, however, happens outside the classroom.

People learn new skills through hobbies, reading, travel, or online resources. Vocational education focuses on practical skills needed for specific professions such as engineering, healthcare, or technical trades. Many experts believe modern societies need a combination of academic knowledge and practical abilities. As economies change quickly, education systems must help students develop flexible skills so they can continue learning throughout their lives.”

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Learning & Education (2)

SITUATION

You are invited to speak at a youth education forum about the **purpose of education**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Why Education Matters**.

1. Describe the main purposes of education mentioned in Text 1.
2. Explain how education benefits both individuals and society.

DIALOGUE

1. Do you think education today focuses too much on exams and grades?
2. Discuss what skills schools should teach for the future.

Text 1

“Education has always played an important role in society. Schools do not only teach academic subjects such as mathematics, science, or languages. They also help students develop social skills, critical thinking, and the ability to work with others.

Education allows people to understand the world around them and participate actively in society. It also creates opportunities for better employment and economic stability. Many governments invest heavily in education because a well-educated population can support innovation, economic growth, and social development. However, experts increasingly argue that education should also focus on creativity and problem-solving skills.”

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Learning & Education (3)

SITUATION

You are participating in a panel discussion about **digital learning**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Online Education and Technology**.

1. Explain how technology has changed education according to Text 1.
2. Compare online learning with traditional classroom learning.

DIALOGUE

1. Do you think online education can replace traditional schools?
2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of digital learning.

Text 1

“Digital technology has transformed many areas of life, including education. Online learning platforms allow students to access courses from universities and institutions around the world. Lessons can be watched through video lectures, and assignments can be submitted online. This type of education offers flexibility because students can learn at their own pace and often from any location.

However, online education also has challenges. Students may miss direct interaction with teachers and classmates, which can affect motivation and communication skills. For this reason, many experts believe that combining digital tools with traditional classroom teaching may be the most effective solution.”

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SITUATION

You are speaking at an education conference about **lifelong learning**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Learning Throughout Life**.

1. Explain what lifelong learning means based on Text 1.
2. Describe why continuous education is important in modern careers.

DIALOGUE

1. Should adults continue studying after finishing school or university?
2. Compare learning in school with learning in the workplace.

Text 1

“In the past, education was often limited to childhood and early adulthood. Today many professionals believe that learning should continue throughout life. Rapid technological change means that workers must regularly update their knowledge and skills. Lifelong learning includes professional training, evening courses, online programmes, and personal development activities.

Many companies now support employee training because it helps workers adapt to new technologies and industry developments. Individuals also benefit because continuous learning can improve career opportunities and personal confidence.”

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SITUATION

You are presenting at a school debate about **equal access to education**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Education and Equal Opportunities**.

1. Explain why access to education is important according to Text 1.
2. Discuss how education can reduce social inequality.

DIALOGUE

1. Do you think education systems treat all students equally?
2. Discuss possible ways governments could improve access to education.

Text 1

“Access to education is considered a fundamental human right in many countries. Education allows individuals to develop skills, gain knowledge, and improve their quality of life. However, access to education is not always equal. In some regions, economic conditions, geographic distance, or social barriers make it difficult for students to attend school. Governments and international organisations often work to improve access through scholarships, public funding, and educational reforms. Experts argue that equal educational opportunities can reduce poverty and support social stability.”

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SITUATION

You are invited to speak about **skills needed for the future workforce**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Skills for the Future**.

1. Describe the key skills mentioned in Text 1.
2. Explain why education systems need to adapt to changing job markets.

DIALOGUE

1. Which skills do you think will be most important in the future?
2. Compare technical skills with communication and teamwork skills.

Text 1

“Modern workplaces are changing rapidly because of technological innovation and globalisation. As a result, employers increasingly value flexible skills such as communication, teamwork, creativity, and problem solving. Digital literacy has also become essential in many professions. Education systems are therefore under pressure to prepare students for jobs that may not yet exist.

Many schools are introducing project-based learning and interdisciplinary subjects to encourage creativity and collaboration. Experts believe that the most successful education systems will focus on helping students learn how to learn.”

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SITUATION

You are speaking at a seminar about **university education**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Higher Education Today**.

1. Explain the role of universities described in Text 1.
2. Compare university education with vocational training.

DIALOGUE

1. Do you think university degrees are still necessary for successful careers?
2. Discuss whether students should choose practical training instead of academic study.

Text 1

“Universities have traditionally been centres of research, knowledge, and academic development. Students attend university to study specialised subjects and obtain qualifications that may help them enter professional careers. However, the role of universities is evolving. Many employers now value practical experience and technical skills as much as academic knowledge. For this reason, some students choose vocational programmes or apprenticeships instead of university degrees. These programmes often combine theoretical learning with hands-on training in real workplaces.”

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SITUATION

You are taking part in a discussion about **education and globalisation**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **International Education**.

1. Explain how globalisation has influenced education systems.
2. Describe the advantages of studying abroad.

DIALOGUE

1. Would you like to study in another country? Why or why not?
2. Discuss whether international education improves cultural understanding.

Text 1

“Globalisation has connected education systems across the world. Many universities now offer international programmes where students can study in different countries. Exchange programmes allow students to experience other cultures and education systems. These opportunities help students improve language skills and develop global perspectives.

However, studying abroad can also be expensive and challenging. Students must adapt to new environments, cultures, and academic expectations. Despite these difficulties, international education continues to grow in popularity.”

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SITUATION

You are speaking at a workshop about **education reforms**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Improving Education Systems**.

1. Explain the challenges facing modern education systems mentioned in Text 1.
2. Suggest possible improvements for future education.

DIALOGUE

1. Do you think schools should change the way students are assessed?
2. Compare traditional exams with alternative assessment methods.

Text 1

“Education systems around the world face many challenges. Large class sizes, limited resources, and rapidly changing technologies require constant reform. Many educators believe traditional exams do not always measure students’ true abilities. Alternative assessment methods such as projects, presentations, and collaborative tasks are increasingly used. These approaches allow students to demonstrate creativity and practical skills. However, some experts argue that exams still provide a clear and fair method of evaluating knowledge.”

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Learning & Education (10)

SITUATION

You are participating in a public debate about **the future of education**.

MONOLOGUE

Give a short presentation on **Education in the Future**.

1. Describe possible future developments in education mentioned in Text 1.
2. Compare traditional classroom learning with new technological approaches.

DIALOGUE

1. How do you think schools will change in the next 20 years?
2. Discuss whether technology will improve or weaken education.

Text 1

“Education is likely to change significantly in the coming years. New technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual classrooms, and interactive learning platforms may transform how students learn. Some experts believe personalised learning systems will allow students to study at their own pace and according to their individual interests.

However, many educators emphasise that teachers will remain essential for guiding students, encouraging discussion, and supporting social development. The future of education will probably combine digital innovation with traditional teaching methods.”

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