5 Schooldays

Before you watch

1 Work in groups. What can you remember about your schooldays? Discuss these questions.
   a) Where did you go to school?
   b) What subjects did you study?
   c) What were the school rules like?
   d) Who was your favourite teacher? Why?
   e) Did you have to wear a uniform?
   f) What kind of food did you eat at school?

While you watch

PART 1 (00:00–01:07)

2 Watch Part 1 and complete the family tree with the names in the box and the ages of the children.

PART 2 (01:08–03:06)

3 Watch Part 2 and decide whether these statements are true or false. Tick (✓) the boxes.

   a) Gillian’s favourite subject was history.
   b) Pauline didn’t like her typing and shorthand teacher.
   c) Tom’s favourite lesson is RE.
   d) Connie’s favourite lesson is art.
   e) Connie is studying all the subjects that her aunt, Gillian, studied.
   f) Jeff’s French teacher only had one arm.
   g) Claire doesn’t have a favourite teacher.
   h) Mr Blunsdon is Luke’s music teacher.
**PART 3 (03:07–04:38)**

4 Read the text and complete the school rules using the words in the box.

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**SCHOOL RULES AND PUNISHMENTS**

a) You had to _______ up as soon as the teacher came into the room, and again when they left.

b) No _______. No alcohol on the premises.
   Do not run, always ________.

c) You had to _______ your cap from the moment you left your home in the morning until the moment you got home at night.

d) You’re not allowed to chew _______.
   You’ve got to obey the teachers.

e) You have to _______ on time with everything you need. And no running, pushing. No chewing gum, and you have to wear a school ________.

f) The teacher would shout at you, maybe even _______ you. If you’d behaved really badly, you’d be sent to the Head and you’d get a ruler over the palm of your hand.

g) You were given _______ or you had the slipper; or you had the cane.

h) They’ll tell you off and then they might _______ you, and then yellow sheet, then breaktime detention, lunchtime detention, then after school detention, then they might _______ home.

i) Yes, you do have to do your homework. If you don’t you’ll get detention. You’re meant to do an _______ homework every night.

Now watch Part 3 and check your answers.

**PART 4 (04:39–06:18)**

5 Watch Part 4 and circle the correct options.

a) The parents enjoyed / didn’t enjoy their school dinners.

b) The children eat mainly fast / healthy food for school dinners.

c) The parents had to / didn’t have to wear a school uniform.

d) The children today have to / don’t have to wear a uniform in the summer.

e) The boys today can sometimes / mustn’t wear trainers.

f) Luke will probably / will probably not send his children to the same school.

**After you watch**

6 Work with a partner. Say what is similar and different in the parents’ and children’s experience of school.

For example:

The parents had more physical punishments.

7 Work in groups. Compare the schooldays of the people in the programme with your own experience of school.

For example:

Tom and Claire have to wear a uniform but I didn’t.

The parents all ate in the school restaurant.

I always took my own sandwiches.