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Sources for the Main activity

Sources for Learner A

Source: Podcast **Title: Do longer school hours bring success?** In some of the world's most successful education systems, children spend fewer hours at school each week than you might expect. It's what they do in the time when they're not at school, such as having extra tuition at home or attending after-school clubs, that really makes the difference.	Source: School newsletter **Title: Changing with the times** Should our students wear a school uniform? In the past, we have always asked students to dress sensibly and smartly when they come to school. Now some parents are calling for the school to make wearing a uniform compulsory. They say it will improve the school's image. What do you think?
Source: Website about education **Title: Why children are too tired to study** In recent years, researchers have found evidence that the traditional early-morning start to secondary school may be too early for many teenagers. Young people's growing bodies and brains mean that they need more sleep, and they are simply too tired to study that early in the day.	Source: Encyclopaedia entry **Title: Compulsory school age** In most countries, children enter the school system at the age of 6–7. There are some countries where children start as young as 4–5 years old. As well as varying from country to country, there may be differences from region to region or from state to state within the same country.

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Sources for Learner B

Source: Discussion forum on a website for parents **Title: Save time by starting later** Why do schools insist on starting so early in the morning? It means we have to take our children to school through the rush hour, when everyone else is trying to get to work. If we started the school day later and finished it earlier, it would cut the journey time in half!	Source: Newspaper article **Title: Too young to go to school?** A new government report says that children at ages 4–5 learn more from playing than from formal lessons in the classroom. So should we stop sending them to school at that age and make them wait until they're older?
Source: Technology blog **Title: Schools of the future** Will robots soon be doing the job of the teacher in the classroom? Some scientists and engineers believe that they are close to developing artificial intelligence (AI) machines that can deliver lessons just as effectively as teachers, with the additional benefit that they don't get tired or sick. But is that what students want, or would they prefer a human to teach them?	Source: Magazine article **Title: When school seems like a 'plan B'** Employers have been speaking about students having to stay at school until they're 18. 'It's not appropriate for everyone,' said one employer, who runs an engineering firm. 'The **apprenticeship** schemes we run help many to achieve their dreams.'

Definition:

apprenticeship a period of time when someone learns the skills needed to do a job by working with someone who already has skills and experience.