



Unit 1

Home schooling in the UK

International cultural knowledge – Home schooling

- 1 Popatrz na zdjęcie i przeczytaj tytuł. Amy i Luke uczą się w domu. Czy twoim zdaniem są z tego zadowoleni? Przeczytaj tekst i sprawdź.



Is it cool to learn at home?

The Wilsons are a typical English family: a mother and a father, a girl and a boy. But are they? Amy, 13, and Luke, 12, look like two typical school students but they don't go to school! Why not? In the UK, education is compulsory, but going to school is not. Read the interview and see what this family thinks about home schooling.



Interviewer Mr Wilson, you write computer games. You're not a teacher. Do you really think it's a good idea to teach your children at home?

Mr Wilson Yes. We think we give our children a good education. We have no fixed timetable so every day we choose what we study. On a sunny day, we can go to a zoo or look at plants and trees – that's biology. We can climb a high hill and look at rivers – that's geography. When it rains, we can make a pizza and share it out – that's maths.

Interviewer Mrs Wilson, do you think your children are happy here? They aren't with other children their age. Is it boring for them to be with you all day?

Mrs Wilson Boring? I don't think so, but you can ask them!

Amy Mum's right. We're not bored, because we're part of a home school support group. This is a group of 70 families in our town. We meet up with people from this group two or three times a week. The young children have other kids to play with, and we can socialise too. But personally, I want to go to school next year. They do national exams at school, and I think they are important.

Luke Home schooling is better for me. I prefer home schooling because I'm good at science and ICT like my dad. So we can study difficult subjects and I can learn fast. I'm no good at spelling and I'm a slow reader, so I do that with mum. She's really nice and she doesn't get angry so I relax with her. We can study at our own speed.

Amy That's true, but what's good for Luke isn't good for me. Plus the school uniform in the secondary school in town is really cool!

i INSIDE INFORMATION

- All UK parents can teach their children with no qualifications.
- It is not necessary to follow the National Curriculum or take national exams.

► WORD BOOSTER

Dopasuj wyrazy 1–6 do definicji a–f.

1 fixed	a spend time with other people for pleasure
2 boring	b you have to do it – no choice
3 support group	c people like you that help you
4 socialise	d not changing
5 speed	e not at all interesting
6 compulsory	f fast or slow

- 2 Przeczytaj tekst jeszcze raz. Zdecyduj, czy podane zdania są zgodne z treścią tekstu (T-true), czy – nie (F-false).

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| 1 The Wilsons are a family of four. | |
| 2 All teenagers in the UK go to school. | |
| 3 Mr Wilson writes computer games. | |
| 4 The Wilsons' classes are often outside. | |
| 5 Luke and Amy meet up with other families. | |
| 6 Amy wants to go to school. | |
| 7 Mrs Wilson reads with Luke. | |

- 3 Odpowiedz na pytania.

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| 1 Amy is not bored at home but she wants to go to school. Why? |
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| 2 What is Luke's opinion of home schooling? |
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| 3 What is Amy's opinion of the uniform in the secondary school? |
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- 4 Dokończ jedno ze zdań.

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| 1 I like the idea of home schooling because..... |
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| 2 I don't think home schooling is good because..... |
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