



# Education in the UK and Germany



# Education in the UK

The education system in the UK is divided into four main parts:

1. primary education
2. secondary education
3. further education
4. higher education

# 1. Primary education

- it is the first level of education
- it begins at the age of 5 and continues until the age of 11
- children learn to read, write and count
- they learn about their country and religion
- they begin to study their first foreign language
- schools work from Monday to Friday from 9 o'clock to 3 or 4 o'clock

- schools sometimes do not have their canteens so children have to take lunch from home in lunch boxes



- students wear school uniforms in the school colours
- school uniforms consist of: blazer or sweater with school logo, shirt and tie or polo shirt/t-shirt, dark trousers or dark skirt, black shoes



## 2. Secondary education

- it starts at the age of 11
- students study subjects such as Music, Maths, Sciences, English, etc.
- from the ages of fourteen to sixteen, pupils study for the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)
- then they have the choice to move into further education or they can leave school and look for work

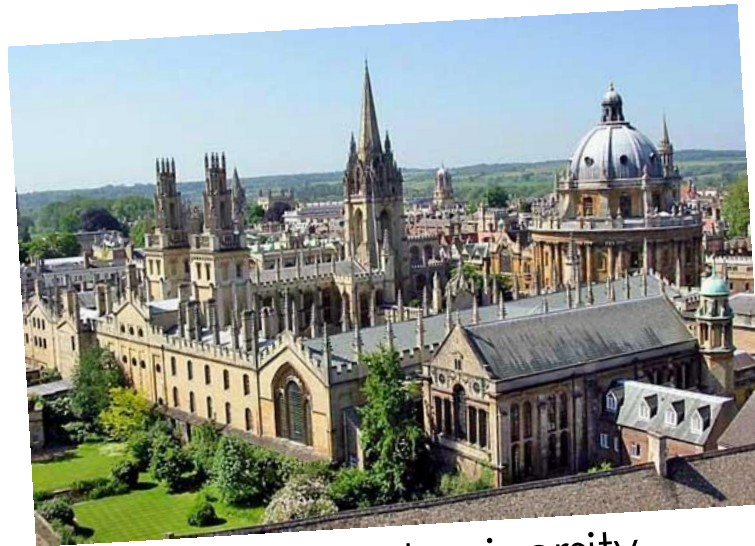
# 3. Further education

- they have to choose from:
  1. Academic Qualifications (students study A-levels, further academic qualifications required of students before they enter higher education)
  2. Vocational Qualifications (studying a vocational course that will provide them with a more hands on experience and education)

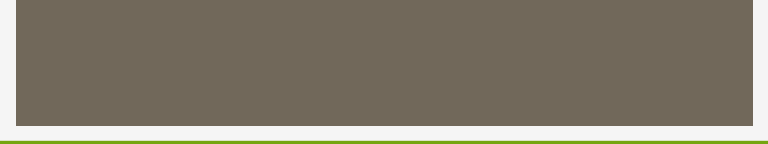
## 4. Higher education

Britain has more than 100 universities.

The most famous and the oldest are Oxford and Cambridge. Very popular is university in Cardiff and in Edinburgh.



Oxford university



Cambridge university



Cardiff



Edinburgh



# Grading scale

In the UK letter grades are used:

A > 80% (excellent)

B > 70% (very good)

C > 60% (improvement needed)

D > 50% (close fail)

E > 40% (fail)

F < 40% (fail)

No student has to repeat a year – weak students can take extra lessons at school.



# Education in Germany

The education system in Germany is divided into four main parts:

1. primary education
2. secondary education (first phase)
3. secondary education (second phase)
4. higher education

# 1. Primary education

- children start primary school at the age of 6 and continues until the age of 10
- school starts at eight a.m. and finishes around two p.m.
- every child in Germany must complete at least 9 years of education
- schools have their own canteens
- children do not wear school uniforms in German schools

## 2. Secondary school (first phase)

1. The Hauptschule – training for specific jobs
2. Realschule – combines practical subjects with academic classes
3. The Gymnasium- prepares them for university
4. Gesamtschulen - comprehensive schools, combination of all three choices

### 3. Secondary schools (second phase)

a) Berufsschule – apprenticeship combines work and classes

b) Berufsfachschule – vocational training

c) Gymnasium or Gesamtschulen – university and college preparatory classes

# 4. Higher education

1. Universities - offer the whole range of academic disciplines
2. Universities of Applied Sciences - engineering, technical disciplines, social work or design areas
3. Universities of Art/Music



**Heidelberg University**  
(the oldest university in Germany)



**University of Rostock**



**University of Munich**

# Grading scale

The grading scale used in the German education system ranges from 1—6 ( "6" is the equivalent of a failing grade).

1 = very good

2 = good

3 = satisfactory

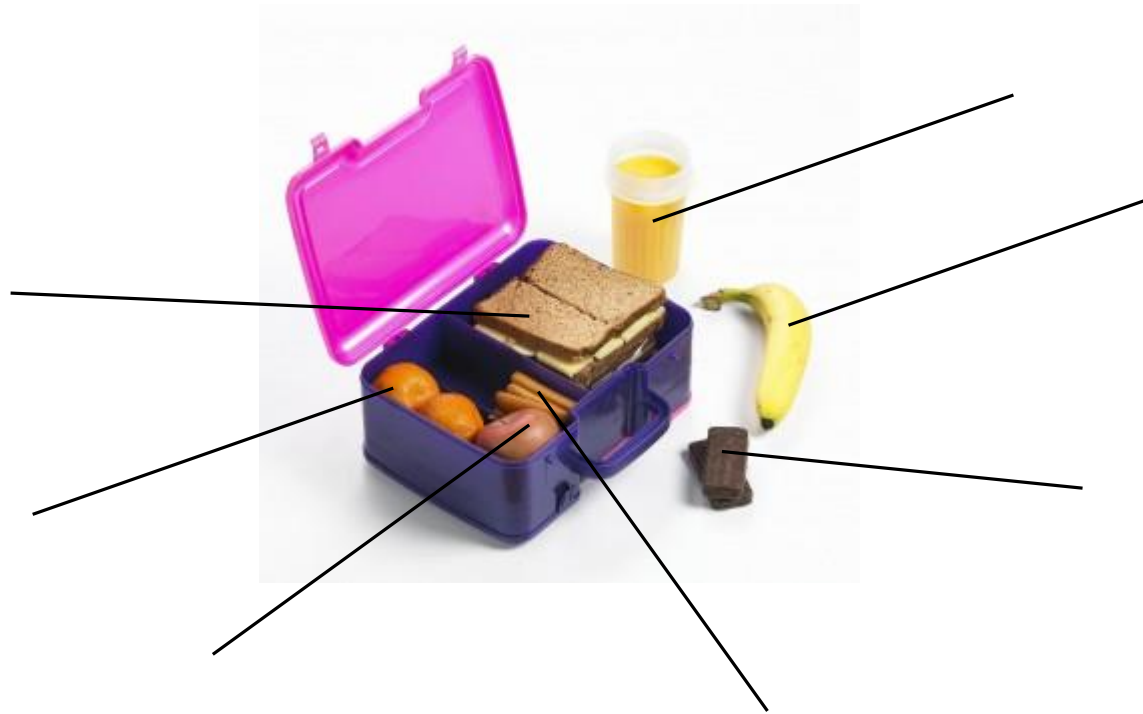
4 = adequate

5 = poor

6 = very poor



# 1. Label the food in the lunch box:

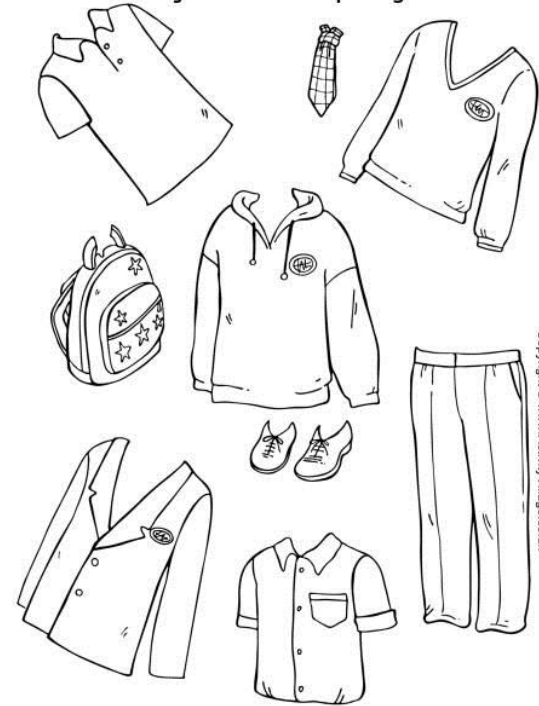


## 2. Look at parts of girl's and boy's uniform. What are differences?

School Uniform Dress Up Girls Clothes



School Uniform Dress Up Boys Clothes



- Do you prefer school uniforms or casual clothes? Why?
- Are there any advantages and disadvantages of school uniforms?
- Imagine, students in your school will wear school uniforms next school year. Draw a picture of the uniform you will like. What color is it? Why? Is there a school logo? Where?

### 3. Compare education in the UK, Germany and the Czech Republic:

	<b>the UK</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>the Czech Republic</b>
parts of education			
school uniforms (yes/no)			
secondary education			
the oldest university			
grading scale			

# Metodický pokyn

1. Učitel si s žáky přečte a vysvětlí informace o vzdělávání v Británii a Německu (str. 1 – 16)
2. Žáci popisují, co vidí na obrázku. Učitel se ptá, co dalšího by se v boxu mohlo objevit, žáci vymýšlejí další slova.(str. 17)
3. Žáci popisují rozdíly mezi dívčí a chlapeckou uniformou, tvoří věty. (str. 18)
4. Žáci odpovídají na otázky, poté kreslí návrh školní uniformy a popisují ji. (str. 19)
5. Žáci porovnávají vzdělávání v Británii, Německu a České republice v různých bodech (str. 20)

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