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Finland to reform education for the digital age

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170601-education.html>

Finland is not satisfied with constantly being top of the world's education leagues. The government is now planning to reform its education system so that young Finns are better prepared for the digital age. A key part of the proposed reforms is to place as much emphasis on digital and workplace skills as on more traditional subjects. An example of this would be to use 3D printers in history classes so students can create models of ancient buildings. The government also wants to promote vocational training and encourage learning in real-life work settings. Students' performance would be evaluated by a teacher as well as by an official from the company helping the student.

One teacher, Kirsti Lonka, explained why a shift in educational methods was necessary. She said: "Traditionally, learning has been defined as a list of subject matters and facts you need to acquire, such as arithmetic and grammar....But when it comes to real life, our brain is not divided into disciplines in that way. We are thinking in a very holistic way, and when you think about the problems in the world - global crises, migration, the economy, the post-truth era - we haven't really given our children the tools to deal with this inter-cultural world." She added: "I think it is a major mistake if we lead children to believe that the world is simple, and that if they learn certain facts, they are ready to go."

Sources: <http://www.helsinkitimes.fi/finland/finland-news/domestic/14731-finland-s-vocational-education-reform-an-example-to-follow.html>
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<http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/education/finn-fun>

WARM-UPS

1. EDUCATION: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about education. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

satisfied / education / reform / emphasis / traditional / ancient / real life / vocational / shift / necessary / arithmetic / grammar / holistic / migration / economy / mistake

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. REFORM: Students A **strongly** believe reform is needed in education; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. IMPROVEMENTS: What improvements could you make to schools? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements	Why these would be better
Buildings		
Technology		
Teachers		
Subjects		
Homework		
School hours		

5. DIGITAL AGE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the term "digital age". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SUBJECTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best school subjects at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- English
- maths
- global warming
- computer coding
- art
- world problems
- business skills
- money matters

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170601-education.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Finland is very happy being top of the world's education leagues. **T / F**
- b. Finland wants to place more emphasis on workplace skills. **T / F**
- c. Finland wants every student to make models of ancient buildings. **T / F**
- d. Students will be encouraged to learn in simulated work settings. **T / F**
- e. A teacher said a shift in educational methods wasn't necessary. **T / F**
- f. The teacher said our brain is not split up into disciplines. **T / F**
- g. The teacher said students need tools for an inter-cultural world. **T / F**
- h. The teacher said kids should not learn that the world is simple. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. reform | a. described |
| 2. prepared | b. very old |
| 3. key | c. significant |
| 4. ancient | d. improve |
| 5. evaluated | e. change |
| 6. shift | f. assessed |
| 7. defined | g. specific |
| 8. divided | h. important |
| 9. major | i. split |
| 10. certain | j. ready |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. constantly being top of the world's | a. on digital and workplace skills |
| 2. young Finns are better | b. deal with this |
| 3. place as much emphasis | c. methods was necessary |
| 4. students can create models of ancient | d. prepared |
| 5. performance would be evaluated | e. holistic way |
| 6. a shift in educational | f. by a teacher |
| 7. subject matters and facts you need | g. education leagues |
| 8. thinking in a very | h. to acquire |
| 9. the tools to | i. facts |
| 10. if they learn certain | j. buildings |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170601-education.html>

Finland is not (1) _____ with constantly being top of the world's education leagues. The government is now planning to (2) _____ its education system so that young Finns are better prepared for the digital age. A (3) _____ part of the proposed reforms is to place as much (4) _____ on digital and workplace skills as on more traditional subjects. An (5) _____ of this would be to use 3D printers in history classes so students can create models of (6) _____ buildings. The government also wants to promote (7) _____ training and encourage learning in real-life work (8) _____. Students' performance would be evaluated by a teacher as well as by an official from the company helping the student.

reform
ancient
emphasis
settings
satisfied
vocational
key
example

One teacher, Kirsti Lonka, explained why a (9) _____ in educational methods was necessary. She said: "Traditionally, learning has been (10) _____ as a list of subject matters and facts you need to (11) _____, such as arithmetic and grammar....But when it comes to real life, our brain is not divided into (12) _____ in that way. We are thinking in a very holistic way, and when you think about the problems in the world - global crises, (13) _____, the economy, the post-truth era - we haven't really given our children the (14) _____ to deal with this inter-cultural world." She added: "I think it is a major mistake if we (15) _____ children to believe that the world is simple, and that if they learn (16) _____ facts, they are ready to go."

acquire
migration
lead
shift
certain
defined
disciplines
tools

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Finland is not satisfied with constantly being top of the world's _____
 - a. educational leagues
 - b. education league
 - c. educates in leagues
 - d. education leagues
- 2) planning to reform its education system so that young Finns are _____
 - a. better prepares
 - b. bet a repaired
 - c. better prepared
 - d. better repaired
- 3) part of the proposed reforms is to place as much emphasis on digital and _____
 - a. works place skill
 - b. workplace skills
 - c. workplaces skills
 - d. workplace skill
- 4) use 3D printers in history classes so students can create models of _____
 - a. any shanty buildings
 - b. ain't shanty buildings
 - c. ancient buildings
 - d. ancients buildings
- 5) evaluated by a teacher as well as by an official from the company _____
 - a. helping a student
 - b. helping the students
 - c. helping a students
 - d. helping the student
- 6) One teacher, Kirsti Lonka, explained why a shift in educational methods _____
 - a. was necessary
 - b. wasn't necessitated
 - c. was necessarily
 - d. wasn't necessary
- 7) learning has been defined as a list of subject matters and facts you _____
 - a. needs to acquire
 - b. needed to acquire
 - c. needing to acquire
 - d. need to acquire
- 8) problems in the world - global crises, migration, the economy, the _____
 - a. posted-truth era
 - b. post-true era
 - c. post-truth era
 - d. post-truth ear
- 9) we haven't really given our children the tools to _____
 - a. deal with this
 - b. deal for this
 - c. deal on this
 - d. deal by this
- 10) if we lead children to believe that the world is simple, and that if they learn _____
 - a. certainly facts
 - b. certain facts
 - c. certainly fact
 - d. certain fact

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Finland is not satisfied (1) _____ top of the world's education leagues. The government is now planning (2) _____ education system so that young Finns are better prepared for the digital age. A (3) _____ proposed reforms is to place as much emphasis on digital and workplace skills as on more traditional subjects. An example of this (4) _____ 3D printers in history classes so students can create models of ancient buildings. The government also (5) _____ vocational training and encourage learning in real-life work settings. Students' performance would (6) _____ teacher as well as by an official from the company helping the student.

One teacher, Kirsti Lonka, explained (7) _____ educational methods was necessary. She said: "Traditionally, learning has been defined (8) _____ subject matters and facts you need to acquire, such as arithmetic and grammar....But (9) _____ real life, our brain is not divided into disciplines in that way. We are thinking in a very holistic way, and when you think about the problems in the world - global crises, migration, the economy, (10) _____ - we haven't really given our children the tools to deal with this inter-cultural world." She added: "I (11) _____ mistake if we lead children to believe that the world is simple, and that if they (12) _____, they are ready to go."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170601-education.html>

1. What is Finland not satisfied at being on top of?
2. What does Finland's government want to prepare young Finns for?
3. What do teachers use in class to create models?
4. What does the government want to encourage?
5. What would be evaluated by a teacher and a company official?
6. What did a teacher say it was necessary to see a shift in?
7. What did a teacher say was not divided into disciplines?
8. What kind of crises did the teacher mention?
9. What did the teacher say children have not been given?
10. What kind of world did the say children need to deal with?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170601-education.html>

- 1) What is Finland not satisfied at being on top of?
 - a) a league
 - b) education leagues
 - c) the world
 - d) education
- 2) What does Finland's government want to prepare young Finns for?
 - a) school
 - b) tests
 - c) leagues
 - d) the digital age
- 3) What do teachers use in class to create models?
 - a) Lego
 - b) clay
 - c) 3D printers
 - d) paper
- 4) What does the government want to encourage?
 - a) learning in real-life work settings
 - b) performance
 - c) promotion
 - d) officials
- 5) What would be evaluated by a teacher and a company official?
 - a) work places
 - b) students' performance
 - c) schools
 - d) tests
- 6) What did a teacher say it was necessary to see a shift in?
 - a) educational methods
 - b) reforms
 - c) students
 - d) exams
- 7) What did a teacher say was not divided into disciplines?
 - a) tests
 - b) rules
 - c) our brain
 - d) curricula
- 8) What kind of crises did the teacher mention?
 - a) global crises
 - b) teacher crises
 - c) school crises
 - d) student crises
- 9) What did the teacher say children have not been given?
 - a) homework
 - b) tests
 - c) books
 - d) tools
- 10) What kind of world did the teacher say children need to deal with?
 - a) a big world
 - b) a world in trouble
 - c) an inter-cultural world
 - d) a growing world

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – English

You think English is the best school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): computer coding, art or world problems.

Role B – Computer Coding

You think computer coding is the best school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): English, art or world problems.

Role C – Art

You think art is the best school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): computer coding, English or world problems.

Role D – World Problems

You think world problems is the best school subject. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): computer coding, art or English.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170601-education.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'digital' and 'age'.

digital	age
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• top• better• key• example• promote• company	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• shift• list• brain• problems• deal• major
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EDUCATION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about education in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

EDUCATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'education'?
3. What is the standard of education in your country like?
4. How prepared are you for the digital age?
5. What skills do you need for the digital age?
6. What educational reforms would you like to see in your country?
7. How much of a school curriculum should be based on workplace skills?
8. How important is vocational training at school?
9. How well did your school prepare you for life?
10. How difficult is the job of a teacher?

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EDUCATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the term 'digital age'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is the best way for children to learn?
15. Do we need to change from teaching traditional subjects?
16. Is coding or literature a more important subject?
17. What is the 'post-truth era'?
18. What tools do we need in an inter-cultural world?
19. Should teachers teach children facts or skills?
20. What questions would you like to ask Finland's education minister?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) satisfies | (b) satisfied | (c) satisfied | (d) satisfaction |
| 2. | (a) bettered | (b) betters | (c) bettering | (d) better |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) on | (c) at | (d) to |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) of | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) vocational | (b) factional | (c) computational | (d) fractional |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) at | (d) such |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 8. | (a) defined | (b) defamed | (c) deafened | (d) differed |
| 9. | (a) real | (b) really | (c) realism | (d) reality |
| 10. | (a) holiday | (b) holier | (c) holistic | (d) holing |
| 11. | (a) baggage | (b) accessories | (c) equipment | (d) tools |
| 12. | (a) curtail | (b) certain | (c) ascertain | (d) curtain |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Finland is not fdsiiesta
2. the world's education alsegue
3. A key part of the odprepos reforms
4. much maehissp on digital and workplace skills
5. models of itecann buildings
6. performance would be laeuvtdae

Paragraph 2

7. a shift in educational hdetosm was necessary
8. ieendfd as a list of subject matters
9. facts you need to icuraqe
10. thinking in a very htcsiloi way
11. problems in the world - global crises, antmoiigr...
12. if they learn tincrae facts

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () so students can create models of ancient buildings . The government also wants to
- () planning to reform its education system so that young Finns are better prepared for the digital age . A key
- () need to acquire, such as arithmetic and grammar... .But when it comes to real life, our brain is not divided into
- () One teacher, Kirsti Lonka, explained why a shift in educational methods was
- () skills as on more traditional subjects . An example of this would be to use 3D printers in history classes
- (**1**) Finland is not satisfied with constantly being top of the world's education leagues . The government is now
- () part of the proposed reforms is to place as much emphasis on digital and workplace
- () promote vocational training and encourage learning in real-life work settings . Students' performance would be
- () children to believe that the world is simple, and that if they learn certain facts, they are ready to go ."
- () necessary . She said: "Traditionally, learning has been defined as a list of subject matters and facts you
- () tools to deal with this inter-cultural world ." She added: "I think it is a major mistake if we lead
- () disciplines in that way . We are thinking in a very holistic way, and when you think about the problems
- () in the world - global crises, migration, the economy, the post-truth era - we haven't really given our children the
- () evaluated by a teacher as well as by an official from the company helping the student .

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of top being Constantly leagues education world's the .
2. system is to education government planning its The now reform .
3. to this An in use would example history 3D be of classes printers .
4. vocational promote to wants also government The training .
5. would performance Students' teacher a by evaluated be .
6. methods a was shift necessary in Explained educational why .
7. as of Learning defined list matters been a subject has .
8. way holistic very a in thinking are We .
9. haven't We this with deal to tools the children our given really .
10. world is simple If we lead children to believe that the .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1706/170601-education.html>

Finland is not *satisfied* / *satisfaction* with constantly being top of the world's education leagues. The government is now planning to *reform* / *reformation* its education system *so* / *as* that young Finns are better prepared for the digital age. A *key* / *keyed* part of the proposed reforms is to place as much *emphasis* / *emphatic* on digital and workplace skills as on more traditional subjects. An example of this *would* / *will* be to use 3D printers in history classes *such* / *so* students can create models of ancient buildings. The government *addition* / *also* wants to promote vocational training and encourage learning in real-life work *sittings* / *settings*. Students' performance would be evaluated by a teacher as *well* / *good* as by an official from the company helping the student.

One teacher, Kirsti Lonka, explained why a *shift* / *shaft* in educational methods was *necessarily* / *necessary*. She said: "Traditionally, learning has been defined as a list of subject matters and *factual* / *facts* you need to acquire, such as arithmetic and grammar....But when it *goes* / *comes* to real life, our brain is not *divided* / *dividing* into disciplines in that way. We are thinking in a very *wholly* / *holistic* way, and when you think about the problems in the world - global crises, migration, the *economic* / *economy*, the post-truth era - we haven't really given our children the tools to *deal* / *heal* with this inter-cultural world." She added: "I think it is a *major* / *majority* mistake if we lead children to believe that the world is simple, and that if they learn *certain* / *certainly* facts, they are ready to go."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F_n_l_n_d _s_n_t_s_t_s_f__d_w_th_c_nst_ntly_b__ng_t_p _f
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y__ng_F_nns_r_b_tt_r_pr_p_r_d_f_r_th_d_g_t_l_g__.
_k_y_p_rt_f_th_pr_p_s_d_r_f_rms_s_t_pl_c__s_m_ch
_mph_s_s_n_d_g_t_l__nd_w_rkpl_c__sk_lls_s_n_m_r__
tr_d_t__n_l_s_bj_cts. _n_x_mpl__f_th_s_w__ld_b_t__
_s__3D_pr_nt_rs_n_h_st_ry_cl_ss_s_s__st_d_nts_c_n
cr__t_m_d_ls_f__nc__nt_b__ld_ngs. Th_g_v_rnm_nt
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th_t_w_y. W__r__th_nk_ng__n__v_ry_h_l_st_c_w_y,_nd
wh_n_y__th_nk__b__t_th_pr_b_l_ms_n_th_w_rld__
gl_b_l_cr_s_s,m_gr_t__n,th__c_n_my,th_p_st-tr_th
_r__w_h_v_n't_r__lly_g_v_n__r_ch_ldr_n_th_t__ls_t
d__l_w_th_th_s__nt_r-c_ltr_l_w_rld." Sh__dd_d:"
th_nk__t__s__m_j_r_m_st_k__f_w__l__d_ch_ldr_n_t
b_l__v__th_t_th_w_rld__s_s_mpl_,_nd_th_t__f_th_y
l__rn_c__rt__n_f_cts,th_y_r__r__dy_t_g__."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. EDUCATION: Make a poster about education. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. EDUCATION REFORM: Write a magazine article about reforming education for the digital age. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on education reform. Ask him/her three questions about education. Give him/her three of your ideas on reforming education. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. reform | a. improve |
| 2. prepared | b. ready |
| 3. key | c. significant |
| 4. ancient | d. very old |
| 5. evaluated | e. assessed |
| 6. shift | f. change |
| 7. defined | g. described |
| 8. divided | h. split |
| 9. major | i. important |
| 10. certain | j. specific |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The world's education leagues
2. The digital age
3. 3D printers
4. Vocational training
5. Students' performance
6. Educational methods
7. Our brain
8. Global crises
9. Tools
10. An inter-cultural world

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)