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Finland to reform education for the digital age

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THE READING

Finland wants more than to have the world's best education system. It wants to prepare students for the digital age. It wants to put more emphasis on digital and workplace skills. An example of this would be to use 3D printers in classes for students to make models of things they read about. There will also be training in real-life work places. Students' performance would be judged by a teacher and by a worker from the company helping the student.

One teacher explained why change was necessary. She said school is divided into subjects to learn, but our brain is not divided into subjects. She said students needed to think differently. They needed to think about the problems in the world. She questioned whether today's children get the skills to succeed in such an inter-cultural world. She warned it would be a mistake to let children think that the world is simple, and that all they need is facts.

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PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	have the world's best	a.	they read about
2.	It wants to prepare students	b.	skills
3.	digital and workplace	c.	printers in classes
4.	An example	d.	life work places
5.	use 3D	e.	of this
6.	make models of things	f.	education system
7.	training in real-	g.	would be judged
8.	students' performance	h.	for the digital age

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	One teacher explained why	a.	divided
2.	school is divided	b.	be a mistake
3.	our brain is not	c.	in the world
4.	students needed to think	d.	to succeed
5.	think about the problems	e.	change was necessary
6.	get the skills	f.	facts
7.	it would	g.	into subjects
8.	all they need is	h.	differently

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Finland wants more than (1) _____ world's best education system. It (2) _____ students for the digital age. It wants to put more emphasis on digital and workplace skills. (3) _____ this would be to use 3D printers in classes for students to make (4) _____ they read about. There will also be training in real-life work places. Students' performance (5) _____ by a teacher and (6) _____ from the company helping the student.

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EDUCATION SURVEY

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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **education** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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