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1. Jayden was eight years old when he went to Summerhill.
2. Students \_\_\_\_\_ to do what teachers tell them.
3. Students can choose what \_\_\_\_\_ they would like to study.
4. Students \_\_\_\_\_ watch TV at 1pm.
5. Students can't play \_\_\_\_\_ in the mornings.
6. Students often do sports or ride \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The wood around the school is perfect for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ trees or playing outdoor \_\_\_\_\_.

## READING

Read the text and decide if the sentences below are true (T) or false (F).



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1. Jayden enjoys going to school. I
2. Summerhill School is a British school. \_\_\_
3. Summerhill School is the oldest school in the world. \_\_\_
4. Jayden likes his teachers. \_\_\_
5. Students don't have to take part in lessons. \_\_\_
6. Jayden started Summerhill eight years ago. \_\_\_
7. Jayden watches TV in the mornings. \_\_\_
8. Summerhill students spend a lot of time with their friends. \_\_\_

## ► GRAMMAR

Read the pairs of sentences and tick (✓) the correct one each time.

1. A. Do you play football? Yes, I do. ✓  
B. Do you play football? Yes, I play.
2. A. Louis can't rides a bike.  
B. Louis can't ride a bike.
3. A. How many people did you invite to your party?

- B. How much people did you invite to your party?
- 4. A. What are you going to do at the weekend?  
B. What will you doing at the weekend?
- 5. A. Do you have study for the exam tonight?  
B. Do you have to study for the exam tonight?
- 6. A. Have you got some pets?  
B. Have you got any pets?
- 7. A. I think the test will is difficult.  
B. I think the test will be difficult.
- 8. A. We usually have breakfast at 7 o'clock.  
B. We have usually breakfast at 7 o'clock.
- 9. A. I'll flying to Tokyo next week.  
B. I'm flying to Tokyo next week.

**▶ GRAMMAR**

**Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.**

- 1. Phoebe is **older / oldest** than her sister.
- 2. The pink flowers are **most / more** beautiful than the yellow ones.
- 3. That was the **worse / worst** sandwich I ate last week.
- 4. Today is the **hottest / hottest** day in July.
- 5. I am the **faster / fastest** player in the team.
- 6. The Eiffel Tower is **more famous / famous** than the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

**▶ GRAMMAR**

**Write past simple sentences using the prompts.**

- 1. Shannon / get up / early / on Saturday  
Shannon got up early on Saturday.
- 2. Ryan / drive / his father's car / yesterday  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. I / not / write / my essay / last night  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. you / be / at home / on Sunday morning / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. your friend / give / you / a birthday present / yesterday / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Abigail / not / be / at school / last week  
\_\_\_\_\_

**▶ GRAMMAR**

**Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. Harry *is talking* (talk) on the phone now.
2. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not / drink) coffee every day.
3. Look! The bus \_\_\_\_\_ (come).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your sister  
\_\_\_\_\_ (speak) Spanish?
5. It's hot today so we \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) T-shirts and shorts.
6. I often \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music on my laptop.