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## ¿Cómo es tu vida en la escuela? (How is your life at school?)

### First, answer the following questions in English:

1. What was the first school you attended and at what age?
2. Why does the government require all children to go to school?
3. What are some reasons that students continue with university studies after high school?

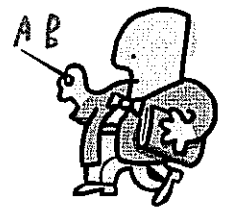


### Next, read the two paragraphs below:



In Spain, there are **escuelas públicas** (public schools) and **escuelas privadas** (private). **Un tercio** (one third) of Spain's schoolchildren **asisten a** (attend) **las escuelas privadas**. **La educación preescolar** (pre-school education) includes **la escuela infantil** (infant school), **la guardería** (nursery school) and **el jardín de la infancia** (kindergarten). Over 90% of Spain's 4-5 year olds attend a pre-school before starting mandatory schooling. The **estudiantes** (students) begin studies at **la escuela primaria** (primary school) at 6 years of age. At age 12, students move to **la educación secundaria** (secondary education). Students continue for 4 more years to obtain their **certificado** (certificate). Students may then continue with two additional years of study to receive their **bachillerato** (baccalaureate).

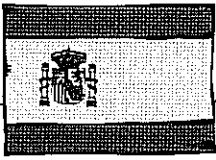
It is common to see students wearing **los uniformes** (uniforms) in schools of the Spanish-speaking world. In some schools, boys wear blue or khaki-color **pantalones** (pants), **una camisa blanca** (a white shirt) and **una corbata** (a tie). Female students often wear **una falda** (a skirt) with **una blusa** (a blouse) or **un suéter**. Students may also have **una chaqueta** (a jacket) for cooler weather. Rather than a full uniform, students in Argentina wear **un delantal blanco** or **túnica blanca** (white smock coat) over regular clothing.



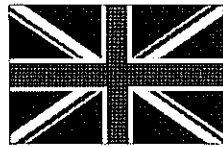
### Finally, answer questions 4, 5, & 6:

4. What is one similarity between school life in Spain and your life in school?
5. What are advantages/disadvantages of wearing a white "lab coat" over your clothing?
6. Would you like to see your school change their current uniform policy? Why?

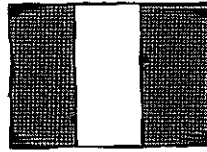
### el vocabulario #1: las clases (classes)



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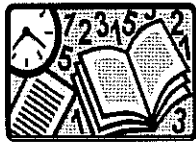
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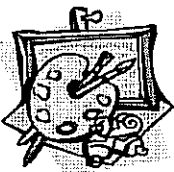
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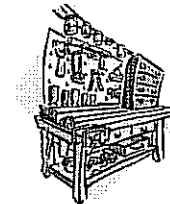
la química



la informática



el arte



la tecnología



la música



la economía doméstica



la educación de la salud



la educación física



la clase de estudios



el almuerzo