

Unit 3 – Being new at school

Let's talk about school

Subjects

Computer Science	Jason really likes Computer Science.	Informatik
English	English was never Susan's favourite subject.	Englisch
Ethics	We talk about interesting questions in Ethics lessons.	Ethik
Geometrical Drawing	Jan likes the work he does in Geometrical Drawing.	Geometrisches Zeichnen
History	Shane enjoys the discussions in History.	Geschichte
Maths	Laura does not like Maths, but still finds it satisfying when she gets a question right.	Mathematik
Physical Education (P.E.)	Cody's least favourite part of school is Physical Education.	Bewegung und Sport
Religious Education	Emma is fascinated by what's taught in Religious Education lessons.	Religion
Science	Science is one of the most important subject areas if you want to become a doctor.	Naturwissenschaften
Social and Personal Skills	In Social and Personal Skills lessons we learn how to study effectively.	Soziale und personale Kompetenz / Persönlichkeitsbildung (SOPK)

People at school

principal	Kids who don't behave often get sent to the principal.	Schuldirektor/in
head of department	Mrs Sunapee is the head of department for Civil Engineering; she is such a friendly person.	Abteilungsvorstand/Abteilungs-vorständin
form teacher	Mr Lenzini is the best form teacher ever.	Klassenvorstand/Klassenvor-ständin, Jahrgangsvorstand/Jahr-gangsvorständin
secretary	Joey, our new secretary, is very friendly and helpful.	Sekretär/in, Frontoffice-Manager/in
school caretaker	The school caretaker's name is Mr Jenkins, and we all love him.	Schulwart/in, Hausmeister/in
cleaner	It's important to be kind to the school cleaner.	Reinigungskraft
student council president	Janice didn't want Zoe to be elected student council president.	Schulsprecher/in
class representative	Every year, our high school elects a class representative.	Klassensprecher/in

Things in the classroom

blackboard	Havril doesn't like writing on the blackboard in class.	Tafel
chalk	Our classroom often doesn't have any chalk.	Kreide
dust bin	It's important to throw away your trash in the dust bin at the end of class.	Mistkübel
pinboard	The students usually hang up their posters on the pinboard.	Pinnwand
projector	The classroom projector broke, so we couldn't watch a documentary.	Beamer
smartboard	The smartboard is pretty interesting to use and could be a great tool for students.	Smartboard

speakers	Most of the speakers in school classrooms have terrible sound quality.	Lautsprecher
Things you need for school		
ballpoint pen	Ballpoint pens make really nice lines.	Kugelschreiber
calculator	We aren't always allowed to use calculators in Maths.	Taschenrechner
compass	It's much easier to draw a circle or a curve with a compass.	Zirkel
folder	Fiona keeps all of the handouts from this semester in a folder.	Schnellhefter, Mappe, Ordner
geometry set square	For certain assignments, students need to use a geometry set square.	Geodreieck
highlighter	It's sometimes almost fun to take notes and use the highlighter.	Textmarker, Leuchtstift
notebook	Vali writes down his assignments in his notebook.	Heft, Notizbuch
paper clips	Not very many people seem to use paper clips anymore.	Büroklammern
pen	Susie has a specific pen that glows in the dark.	Füllfeder
pencil	I prefer using my pencil, so I can erase the mistakes I make.	Bleistift
rubber	During the last test, Dylan really wished he had a rubber and could erase one of his wrong answers.	Radiergummi
ruler	Aislynn lets me borrow her ruler for the Drawing lesson.	Lineal
scissors	May I borrow your scissors, please?	Schere
scotch tape	Bryant always has scotch tape in his desk.	Tixo, transparentes Klebeband
sharpener	Fee needs to buy a new sharpener.	(Bleistift-)Spitzer
stapler	It's helpful to have a stapler if you print documents with multiple pages.	Tacker, Heftklammermaschine
to attend the Secondary Technical School specialising in ... (e.g. Automotive Engineering / Chemistry / Computer Engineering / Construction Engineering / Electrical Engineering / Forest and Wood Management / Instrument Manufacturing / Mechanical Engineering / Media Technology, ...)	Teresa attends the Secondary Technical School specialising in Instrument Manufacturing.	die (technische / gewerbliche / kunstgewerbliche) Fachschule für ... besuchen (z.B. Fahrzeugtechnik / Chemie / Informatik, Bautechnik / Elektrotechnik / Forst- und Holzwirtschaft / Instrumentenbau / Maschinenbau / Medientechnologie, ...)
to have a special interest in the school's field of specialisation	Rich chose his school because he has a special interest in the school's field of specialisation.	besonderes Interesse am Fachgebiet der Schule haben
one parent / family member / relative attended the same school	Stefan's cousin attended the same school he's attending now.	ein Elternteil / Familienmitglied / ein Verwandter/eine Verwandte besuchte dieselbe Schule
to combine theory and practical work	The ideal curriculum combines theory and practical work.	Theorie und praktische Arbeit verbinden
the school has a good reputation	Janet's school has a good reputation.	die Schule hat einen guten Ruf

to be one's favourite subject	Physics is Edwin's favourite subject.	das Lieblingsfach sein
to understand Maths / Science ... well	You have to be able to think about multiple systems at once to understand Maths well.	Mathematik / Naturwissenschaft ... gut begreifen
to manage to get good marks	Raphael managed to get good marks after studying with a tutor for the entire second half of the summer.	es schaffen gute Noten zu bekommen
some teachers run their own companies	Some teachers, like Mr Blackwell, run their own companies and teach on the side.	manche Lehrer/innen leiten eine eigene Firma
to explain the subject matter well	People who have practical experience often explain the subject matter well.	den Unterrichtsstoff gut erklären
to be patient / motivating / strict ...	Some of Todd's favourite teachers were strict / patient / motivating.	geduldig / motivierend / streng ... sein
to listen to the students' problems	Ms Houston listens to the students' problems even if the school day is almost over.	sich die Probleme der Schüler/innen anhören
What's going on in the lesson?		
to chat with a classmate	Before class is the perfect time to chat with a classmate.	sich mit einem Klassenkameraden/einer Klassenkameradin unterhalten
to write on the blackboard	Stephen had to write the entire solution to the Maths problem on the blackboard.	an der Tafel schreiben, etwas an die Tafel schreiben
to take down notes	It's much more difficult to take down notes when you're distracted by your phone.	sich Notizen machen
to do an exercise	I was frustrated because the teacher kept asking me to do an exercise in front of the class.	eine Übung machen
to look out of the window	When my friend gets bored in class, he looks out of the window.	aus dem Fenster schauen
to cut something out	For a project, we all had to cut advertisements out of magazines.	etwas ausschneiden
to pick something up from the floor	I picked up a pencil from the floor.	etwas vom Boden aufheben
to read a book	During the lunch break, one of the teachers often reads a book.	ein Buch lesen
to greet a classmate	Martha greeted a classmate of hers in the hallway.	einen Klassenkameraden/eine Klassenkameradin (be)grüßen
to raise one's hand	Max raises his hand for every question in the English lessons.	aufzeigen, die Hand heben
to hang up drawings on the pinboard	The younger students hung up drawings on the pinboard last week.	Zeichnungen an der Pinnwand aufhängen
to show something to one's teacher	I want to show something I made today to my workshop teacher.	dem Lehrer/der Lehrerin etwas zeigen
School life across the globe		
most school days last for five or six hours	All around the world, most school days last for five or six hours total.	die meisten Schultage dauern fünf oder sechs Stunden
school usually starts at 8:30	In some European countries school usually starts at 8:30.	die Schule beginnt üblicherweise um 8:30
to take private tutoring lessons	Kate takes private tutoring lessons for English because she struggles with the subject.	Nachhilfestunden nehmen
to wear school uniforms	Nathan wore school uniforms for almost his entire school experience.	Schuluniformen tragen
to not be able to afford the costs for exam fees, textbooks or school uniforms	Many students from developing countries are not able to afford the costs for exam fees, textbooks or school uniforms.	sich die Kosten für Prüfungsgebühren, Schulbücher oder Schuluniformen nicht leisten können

textbooks and exercise books are provided by the school for free	In some countries, textbooks and exercise books are provided by the school for free.	Schul- und Arbeitsbücher werden von der Schule gratis zur Verfügung gestellt
to get free school lunch	Students whose families don't have much money get free school lunch.	Gratismittagessen in der Schule bekommen
to have practical lessons in the school workshop / lab	In Secondary Technical Schools, students have many practical lessons in the school workshop / lab.	praktischen Unterricht in der Werkstätte / im Bauhof / im Labor haben
to have to wear safety clothes in the school workshop / lab	All students have to wear safety clothes in the school workshop / lab to prevent injuries.	in der Werkstätte/ am Bauhof / im Labor Schutzkleidung tragen müssen
to be in the same classroom every day	In Austria students are in the same classroom every day.	jeden Tag im gleichen Klassenzimmer sein
to not be able to choose which subject one wants to attend	Mac is not able to choose which subject he wants to attend.	sich seinen Unterrichtsgegenstand nicht aussuchen können
to usually sit in school for ... hours a day	Pia usually sits in school for 7 hours a day.	üblicherweise ... Stunden in der Schule sitzen
to focus on project work	Language teachers often focus on project work.	sich auf die Projektarbeit konzentrieren
a relaxed classroom atmosphere	Learning is easier when the teacher creates a relaxed classroom atmosphere.	eine entspannte Klassenzimmer-Atmosphäre
Doing your school work on time		
to be due tomorrow at ... (time)	This assignment is due tomorrow at noon.	morgen um ... fällig sein
to not start a task until it is so close to the deadline	My boyfriend doesn't start a task until it is so close to the deadline because he is motivated by stress.	mit einer Aufgabe erst knapp vor der Deadline beginnen
to feel panic	Rickey felt panic when he found out that the final test was the next day.	Panik empfinden
to immediately do something	When you get an assignment, it can be helpful to immediately do part of the task.	etwas sofort erledigen
to be mad at oneself	Jazón was mad at himself after he had missed the deadline.	auf sich selbst wütend sein
to do one's homework earlier	Lilly did her homework earlier this time, but forgot to hand it in.	die Hausübungen früher erledigen
to be so difficult	Paying attention is so difficult.	so schwierig sein
to avoid the tasks one needs to do	Sometimes Tate avoids the tasks she needs to do and does things that aren't important at all.	Aufgaben, die erledigt werden müssen, aus dem Weg gehen
to think that an activity / task is boring / too difficult	Quentin thinks that the task / activity is boring / too difficult; that's why he doesn't do it.	eine Tätigkeit / Aufgabe als langweilig / zu schwierig erachten
to not be motivated enough to do a task	Céline is not motivated enough to do the task for the Maths homework because she thinks it is too easy.	keine Motivation haben, eine Aufgabe zu erledigen
to choose to do something else instead	Joan chose to go to the beach instead of studying for her oral exam on ecosystems.	vorziehen, statt dessen etwas anderes zu tun
to choose to do nothing at all	Jim chose to do nothing at all that afternoon and just sat on a beanbag chair.	vorziehen, überhaupt nichts zu tun
to put things off until tomorrow	Riv puts things off until tomorrow over and over again.	Dinge auf den nächsten Tag verschieben
to have trouble concentrating	Many students have trouble concentrating if it is loud in the classroom.	Schwierigkeiten haben, sich zu konzentrieren

to not understand the task / subject matter	It can be helpful to ask the teacher for help if you don't understand the task / subject matter.	die Aufgabe / den Unterrichtsstoff nicht verstehen
to break tasks into smaller parts	It's essential to break tasks into smaller parts, so they don't seem as difficult.	Aufgaben in kleinere Einheiten teilen
to set oneself deadlines	Whitney set herself deadlines, so that she would start working on her project.	sich selbst eine Deadline setzen
to turn off one's smartphone	When Ralf is working, he turns off his smartphone, so he can concentrate better.	das Mobiltelefon ausschalten
to take a nap	Flora takes a nap when she feels tired and unable to focus.	ein Nickerchen machen
to go to a quiet area	Sophie went to a quiet area to read her book.	sich an einen ruhigen Ort begeben
Studying like a pro		
to pay attention in class	Joe pays attention in class and asks questions.	im Unterricht aufpassen
to take good notes	Kea takes good notes on her computer.	gut mitschreiben, sich ausreichend / gute Notizen machen
to sit next to a loud person	Bogdan sat next to a loud person yesterday and couldn't concentrate on anything the teacher said.	neben einer lauten Person sitzen
to be hard to see the blackboard	From where I'm sitting, it is hard to see the blackboard.	es ist schwierig, zur Tafel zu sehen
to keep one's notes and papers organised by subject	Seth keeps his notes and papers organised by subject, but still sometimes gets confused.	Mitschriften und Unterlagen nach Unterrichtsgegenstand geordnet haben
to plan ahead	Washa planned ahead for the homework assignment and was able to hand it in early.	vorausplanen
to write down when one has tests and assignments	Whether you use your smartphone or a planner, it is important to write down when you have tests and assignments.	sich aufschreiben, wann man Tests und Aufgaben hat
to review one's notes	Katja reviewed her notes one last time before the test.	die Mitschrift wiederholen
to ask a classmate / the teacher for help	No one should feel ashamed that they asked the teacher for help.	einen Mitschüler/eine Mitschülerin / den Lehrer/die Lehrerin um Hilfe bitten
to follow one's study plan	Maeve followed her study plan and got a great grade on the last test!	den Lernplan befolgen / beherzigen