

**Video UK: Boarding schools in the UK – exercises**

**Going to a UK boarding school is one way to make friends for life.**

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

**Preparation: matching**

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–e next to the numbers 1–5.

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| 1..... | a boarding school | a. | the way in which two people talk, behave and feel towards each other |
| 2..... | to get distracted | b. | to become an adult   |
| 3..... | to grow up        | c. | to feel sad because you are not at home                              |
| 4..... | to be homesick    | d. | to start thinking about something different                          |
| 5..... | a relationship    | e. | a school where pupils sleep and eat                                  |

**1. Check your understanding: true or false**

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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|----|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | The students live at the school.                                    | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | There are children from 20 or 30 different countries at the school. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Maria is French.  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Maria's friends are nice to her if she is homesick.                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Willy is Argentinian.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Willy didn't feel homesick at first.                                | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

**2. Check your grammar: ordering**

Put these words in the correct order by writing a number in the brackets.

- relationships ( ) The ( ) students ( ) develop ( ) with ( ) another. ( ) one ( )
- Maria ( ) with ( ) living ( ) friends. ( ) her ( ) likes ( )
- homesick ( ) very ( ) week. ( ) Willy ( ) felt ( ) the ( ) first ( ) in ( )
- a real connection ( ) with the students ( ) they were at ( ) People have ( ) boarding school with. ( )

### 3. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

grow up	relationships	nationalities
homesick	distracted	educated

1. Students are not just \_\_\_\_\_ at boarding school. They live there too.
2. Students develop \_\_\_\_\_ with one another at boarding school.
3. There are between twenty and thirty different \_\_\_\_\_ at the boarding school.
4. The teacher believes that the students have a real connection to the people they \_\_\_\_\_ with.
5. Maria's friends help her when she feels \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In the first week Willy felt homesick, but then he started getting \_\_\_\_\_ and forgetting about his home and family.

#### Discussion

Would you like to study in a different country?

Would you like to go to a boarding school?

#### Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.