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School!

1 Type in <http://www.summerhillschool.co.uk/pages/intelligent-choice.html> Mark the statements *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- a) Students can play at Summerhill School.
- b) Students can choose to go to lessons.
- c) The students don't have a timetable at the school.
- d) There are school reports every week.
- e) Students can learn German, Spanish, Japanese and French.
- f) Students can do afternoon walks and gardening.
- g) There is no swimming pool.
- h) There are computers in the school.

2 Click on 'The Very Basics' and answer the questions.

- a) Is Summerhill School in the UK?
- b) How old are the children when they start the school?
- c) How old are the children when they leave the school?
- d) How many children are usually in the school?
- e) Is the school in the town or the country?
- f) Which months can children begin at the school?
- g) How many weeks holiday do the students have each year?

3 Now you! Find three more facts about the school. Write them down.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____



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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to use the Internet to explore the theme of 'School days'. This webquest is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 9.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: copy of the worksheet for each student

- 1 Make sure that all students are on the correct website and also make sure they have a monolingual dictionary to check any words they need to. Students can work alone or together to mark the statements true or false. Monitor to check that students are gist reading but at the same time explain any vocabulary they need to know.

Answers (correct at time of going to press): a) True; b) True; c) False. They do have a timetable; d) False. Reports are only sent to parents if requested; e) False. German, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese; f) True; g) False. There is a swimming pool; h) True

- 2 Students click to navigate to a different part of the site and answer the comprehension questions. Monitor again to answer any vocabulary questions. Elicit answers from the class.

Answers:

- a) Yes, it's in Suffolk in East Anglia.
- b) Five years old.
- c) Seventeen years old.
- d) Between 80 and 90.
- e) In the country. 11 acres of beautiful woods and fields.
- f) January, April or September (the beginning of terms)
- g) 19 years - 5 at Christmas, 5 at Easter and 9 in the summer.

- 3 Students have a free exercise to explore the website and find three of their own facts. Ask for class feedback. Ask if students like the sound of Summerhill School or not.



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