School and education ESL lesson plan (A2)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Where did you go to school?
- What was your favourite subject?
- Who was your best teacher?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
exam	an important test	I have three exams next week.
pass	to be successful in an exam	Did you pass your driving test?
fail	to not be successful in an exam	He failed his math exam.
grade	a letter or number that shows how good your work is (British English: mark)	She got a good grade in English.
timetable	a list of the times of lessons (American English: schedule)	Check your timetable for tomorrow.
break	a short time to rest between lessons	We play football at break.
uniform	special clothes all students wear at some schools	We wear a blue uniform.
university	a place where people study for a degree after school	My sister is at university.
student	a person who studies at school or university	There are 500 students in our school.
primary school	a school for children from 5 to 11 (American English: elementary school)	I went to a small primary school.

Grammar focus (10 min): Used to: first contact

Twenty years after school, old classmates meet at a reunion. Ben: “Jess! You used to have long red hair!” Jess: “And you used to be so shy! Now you’re a TV presenter!” By the end of this lesson you can talk about past habits and situations that have changed.

Form	Pattern	Example
Used to	used to + base form	I used to have long hair.
Negative · question	didn’t use to · Did … use to?	Did you use to play football?
Past simple	one time, a date	I went to Greece in 2015.
Now	present simple + usually	I usually cycle to work.

Watch for: ~~I use to play tennis when I was young.~~ → **I used to play tennis when I was young.**. Past: used to.

Speaking (15 min): Design the perfect English class

The learner designs their ideal English lesson: how long, what activities, how much correction, what homework. They present it and you negotiate two changes. Use the result in your real planning.

Useful language

- I’m good at… / I’m hopeless at…
- to pass · to fail · to revise · to drop out
- I find it hard to…
- I studied… at… / I graduated in…
- I learn best when…
- a degree · a course · a term · a mark

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about school and education using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A2 school and education vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

improving · library · Review · dictionary · high school · correct · mistakes · revising

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. _____ your notes before the test.
2. Your answer is _____.
3. I'm _____ for my exams.
4. Look it up in the _____.
5. I study in the _____.
6. I made three _____ in my essay.
7. She's in her last year of _____.
8. My English is _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. Why are you learning English?
2. When do you study English?
3. Do you like reading?
4. Which subject were you best at?
5. What do you want to learn next year?

Write

Write 80–120 words about school and education. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 Review · 2 correct · 3 revising · 4 dictionary · 5 library · 6 mistakes · 7 high school · 8 improving