



VOCABULARY BANK

Education and School Life

Education and School Life | Bank 2: school rules, clubs and community | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Quick confidence check

Before you study the topic, mark the column that best describes your confidence with each word or phrase.

Word or phrase	New to me	I recognise it	I can use it
school rules	☐	☐	☐
school uniform	☐	☐	☐
behave responsibly	☐	☐	☐
detention	☐	☐	☐
school club	☐	☐	☐
join a club	☐	☐	☐
take part in activities	☐	☐	☐
school trip	☐	☐	☐
classroom discussion	☐	☐	☐
group project	☐	☐	☐
school community	☐	☐	☐
sense of belonging	☐	☐	☐

2. Vocabulary bank

Here are some useful words, adjectives, verbs and chunks that can be reused in exam answers. If you are not sure of their meaning, check online or ask your teacher.

Category	Useful vocabulary
Rules and behaviour	school rules, school uniform, behave responsibly, detention, respect others, clear expectations
Activities	school club, join a club, take part in activities, school trip, group project, presentation skills
Learning together	classroom discussion, online lesson, school community, sense of belonging, extra support, subject choice
Opinion chunks	Rules are useful because..., Clubs can help students..., A school community should..., One benefit of taking part is..., Students should be encouraged to...

3. Match the meaning

Match each word or phrase with the correct meaning. Then choose four and write your own examples.

Word or phrase	Meaning
1. school uniform	a. a punishment where a student stays after school or during a break
2. behave responsibly	b. a piece of work completed by several students together
3. detention	c. special clothes worn by students at a school
4. join a club	d. the feeling that you are accepted in a group
5. group project	e. act in a sensible and reliable way
6. sense of belonging	f. become a member of a group or activity

4. Build useful chunks

Choose useful chunks from the grid. Then write three natural sentences you could use in a speaking or writing answer.

follow school rules	wear a school uniform	behave responsibly
join a club	take part in activities	go on a school trip
classroom discussion	group project	sense of belonging

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Read in context

Read the text. The bold words are from the vocabulary bank.

Feeling Part of School Life

School is not only about lessons and exams. A strong **school community** can help students feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

Rules are part of this community. Some students dislike **school uniform** or strict behaviour rules, but clear expectations can help people **behave responsibly** and respect others.

Activities outside lessons are also important. When students **join a club** or **take part in activities**, they can make friends, develop confidence and discover new interests.

A positive school experience often depends on balance. Students need clear rules, but they also need opportunities to contribute. Clubs, trips and group projects can create a stronger **sense of belonging**.

6. Check your understanding

Answer the questions in your own words. Use the vocabulary bank where it fits naturally.

READING CHECK

1. What can a strong school community help students feel?

2. Why might clear expectations be useful?

3. Give two benefits of joining clubs or taking part in activities.

4. What can create a stronger sense of belonging?

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

What does 'sense of belonging' mean in the text?

- A. Feeling accepted in a group
- B. Wearing expensive clothes
- C. Getting a detention
- D. Studying alone

What is the writer's main point?

- A. School should only focus on exams.
- B. Rules and activities both help school life.
- C. Clubs are not useful.
- D. Students should avoid group projects.

7. Use the vocabulary

Task	What to do
Speaking 1	Describe a school rule or activity and explain whether it is useful.
Speaking 2	Discuss this question: Should all students join at least one school club?
Writing	Write a short paragraph explaining how schools can create a stronger community.
Review	Return to the confidence table. Choose one item you want to improve and write a clear example sentence.

8. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

- Which school rule is most useful?
- Should school uniform be compulsory?
- What makes a good school club?
- How can quiet students feel included?
- Are school trips important for learning?

**ANSWER KEY**

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3. Match the meaning

1. c = special clothes worn by students at a school
2. e = act in a sensible and reliable way
3. a = a punishment where a student stays after school or during a break
4. f = become a member of a group or activity
5. b = a piece of work completed by several students together
6. d = the feeling that you are accepted in a group

6. Check your understanding

1. It can help students feel safe, supported and ready to learn.
2. They can help people behave responsibly and respect others.
3. Any two from: make friends, develop confidence, discover new interests.
4. Clubs, trips and group projects can create a stronger sense of belonging.

MCQ 1: A. Feeling accepted in a group.

MCQ 2: B. Rules and activities both help school life.