



Culture Corner

Education in the US

Listening

- 1 Read the sentences below and try to underline the correct answer. Then listen and check your answers.
- 1 Students in the US go to **junior high/elementary** school up to the sixth grade.
 - 2 In the US, the school year runs until **early/late** June.
 - 3 American students go to school on **weekends/weekdays**.
 - 4 **Public/Private** school students wear a uniform.

Reading

- 2 a) Read the text. What do the following numbers refer to: 5, 18, 9, 12, and 3:30?
- b) Read the text again and take notes. Then talk about the school system in the US.

Speaking

- 3 Answer questions 1-4 about schools in your country.
- 1 When does the school year start? When does it end?
 - 2 What time do kids finish school?
 - 3 Are there any clubs for students?
 - 4 At what age can you leave school?

STUDY SKILLS

Brainstorming

Before you start writing, brainstorm for ideas. Think of the topic and write down anything that comes to mind about it. Then, you can decide what to include.

Writing

- 4 Write a short text about education in your country using the text in Ex. 2 as a model. Before you start writing, think about the topic and jot down whatever comes to mind. Then look at your notes and select what information you want to include in your text.

SCHOOLS IN AMERICA

American kids go to school from the age of 5 to 18, but many children attend **preschool** first. Children attend **elementary school** from kindergarten up to the 6th **grade**. Then they attend **junior high school** from grades 7 to 8, and **high school** from grades 9 to 12.

The **school year** in the US runs from early to **mid** September until late June. Students go to school on weekdays (from Monday to Friday). School starts at 8:30 am and finishes at 3:30 pm. Public school students don't wear uniforms, but private and Catholic school students do.

Students in the US can go to summer school during the summer vacation break to **catch up with** their classes or to take an extra course. Most schools have clubs students can join and **extracurricular activities** such as sports, drama, and music. After students graduate from high school, they join the workforce or continue on to college.

