



EDUCATION

Glossary

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| education | to lack | to master |
| to reach | to pour money into | to provide |
| to solve | to reduce | to tackle |
| to deal | to bully | to improve |
| to choose | to study | to be scrapped |
| to move out | to show | to go back |
| the reading | mathematical | skills |
| a car factory | the literacy | the 3 R's |
| alarming proportions | they're more money | teachers |
| smaller class sizes | the crisis | recruitments |
| workload | poor pupil behavior | the dumbing down |
| truancy | educational standards | youngsters |
| drama | media studies | A-levels |
| decades | the gold standard | catchment area |
| spelling | grammar errors | text message trends |
| higher education | the numeracy | top priority |
| school leavers | allegedly | indisputable |
| in favor | their degree | the Open University |
| the lack of quality | within the next few years | far from |
| thanks to | | |

And now a dialogue between Wentworth and Sarah...

- Sarah: Hello Wentworth. Yesterday, I read that 50% of 17-year-old Americans allegedly lacked the reading and mathematical skills needed for a job in a car factory. This is scary.
- Wentworth: Isn't it? The literacy numeracy of children should be education top priority. The number of school leavers who do not master three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic, has reached alarming proportions.
- Sarah: Far more money should be poured into education to provide more teachers and smaller class sizes. And to solve the crisis in teacher recruitment, the government will have to reduce workload and tackle poor pupil behavior. The dumbing down of education is indisputable in France and Britain.
- Wentworth: Britain's education system has several problems. First, dealing with the problem of bullying in British schools is as important as reducing truancy and improving educational standards. Then, thousands of British youngsters are choosing not to study French and German in favour of subjects such as drama and media studies. Eventually, A-levels, seen for decades as the gold standard of education, could well be scrapped within the next few years.



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- Sarah: It's far from being better in France, where quite a number of people move out to live in a good catchment area, and where teachers make spelling and grammar errors thanks to the text message trend.
- Wentworth: I read that 40% of British students in higher education are adults studying for their degree via the Open University. It shows the lack of quality of the educational system. Otherwise, they wouldn't need to go back to studies once being adults.