

The First Day of School

Let's read about children around the world on the first day of school.

1 READ IT

Ping is from China. His school is very big.

Reporter: How are you on your first day? Are you happy?

Ping: Yes, I am. I'm really happy to see all my friends. We're in the same class again.

Reporter: Is your school big?

Ping: Yes, it is. There are 16,000 pupils. The classes are big, so there are microphones for the teachers.

Nancy is from Alaska in the United States. She's a new pupil.

Reporter: You're new in Alaska. How is your new school? Are you scared?

Nancy: No, I'm not. The pupils are very friendly, but the school is very different.

Reporter: Why is this school different?

Nancy: Well, Alaska is so cold! The football field isn't outside. It's inside!

PING

NANCY

TIM

Tim is from England. He's at a small school for boys.

Reporter: Are you happy to be back at school?

Tim: No, I'm not. I'm sad. School isn't fun. I don't like homework. I don't like my school uniform! The summer holidays are fun!

Who says the following? Tick (✓).

	Ping	Nancy	Tim
1. I'm happy.			
2. I don't like homework.			
3. The football field is inside.			
4. I'm not scared.			
5. My school is big.			
6. I'm sad.			

COOL CORNER

In South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, the school year starts in January.



2 WORD FUN

Complete. Use the words below.

uniform • holidays • world • homework • scared • happy • inside • different

- Children around the go to school.
- My school is blue.
- He isn't sad. He's
- I don't like school but I love the summer
- I'm at a new school. I'm
- School isn't fun. I don't like
- The pupils aren't outside. They're
- My friend isn't in my class. He's in a class.

3 GRAMMAR TIME

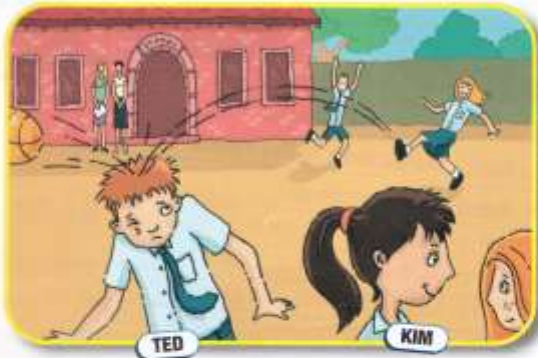
be (negative and questions)

Negative	Questions
I am not	Am I ... ?
You are not	Are you ... ?
He is not	Is he ... ?
She is not	Is she ... ?
It is not	Is it ... ?
We are not	Are we ... ?
You are not	Are you ... ?
They are not	Are they ... ?

Short form

is not ⇒ isn't
are not ⇒ aren't

- A. Write T (True) or F (False). Then correct the false sentences in your notebook.



- F 1. The school is big.
The school isn't big. It's small.
2. Ted is happy.
3. Kim is friendly.
4. It is a cold day.
5. The school uniforms are the same colour.

- B. Write three questions about the picture above.
Is the boy happy?

4 SPEAK UP

- A. Do a survey. How are you on the first day of school? Write ✓ (yes) or X (no) for yourself. Then ask two friends.

	NAME	
Me		
sad		
scared		
happy		

How are you on the first day of school?
Are you sad?

Yes, I am. /
No, I'm not.

- B. Tell the class about your friends.

Maria isn't scared.
She's happy.

5 WRITE IT

Write about your school. Use the model below to help you. Change the words in colour to make them true for you.

My school is in Alaska. It's very big. The teachers are great. The pupils are friendly.