# Unit 2

# **Education**

# **AIMS:**

## **Speaking**

- explore and evaluate your views on education
- tell personal stories about educational experiences.

# Reading

- read for meaning and detail
- respond to a text with the theme of education.

#### Listening

- listen and respond to a story about a special school experience.
- listen for meaning and for detail.
- evaluate the listening process.

## Language

#### Focus on:

- narrative style
- articles and abstract nouns
- storytelling language
- structural language used in telling personal stories

# A. Speaking

#### Reflect

Try to remember a typical day in the life of your old school. You can use these questions to help you:

- What could you see/hear/smell/taste/touch during your day?
- How did you feel?
- What was your teacher like?
- What were the pupils like?
- What was your classroom like?
- What lessons did you have?

#### **Discuss**

- 1.
- a. Tell a partner about the experiences you thought about in **Reflect**.
- b. Find out about your partner's experiences. How many similarities and differences are there between your experiences and your partner's experiences?
- c. Work with your partner. Place all of the experiences you talked about in the correct colum of the table below.

Positive	Negative

a. What was the most important thing you learnt at school?
b. What does *education* mean to you? Discuss in groups.
3. Now look at the quotes about *education* that your teacher will give you.
a. Which are similar to what you said in *activity 2b*? Which do you disagree with? Why?
b. What does *education* mean in your country?
c. Do you know any famous quotes about *education* from your country? Share your ideas with your group and listen to theirs. How similar or different are your group's ideas?

#### **Evaluate**

1.

2.

- a. Watch 3 film clips of schools around the world. Your teacher will pause after each clip. Try to imagine what a day in the life of each school would be like.
- b. What did you imagine in *activity a*.? Tell a partner.

  Compare your ideas with the experiences you/your partner shared in *Discuss activity 1a*. How similar or different are they?
- c. What do you think *education* means to the people in the film clips?

  How similar or different is that to what you/your partner said in *Discuss activity 2b*.?
- a. Choose one clip. Work with your partner to summarise your response to activity 1 b and c.
   Ask your teacher for any vocabulary you need. Make notes below. Be ready to report your summary to the rest of the class.
- b. Listen to your classmates' summaries. How far do you agree with their thoughts? Why? Tell your partner and find out what they think.