

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

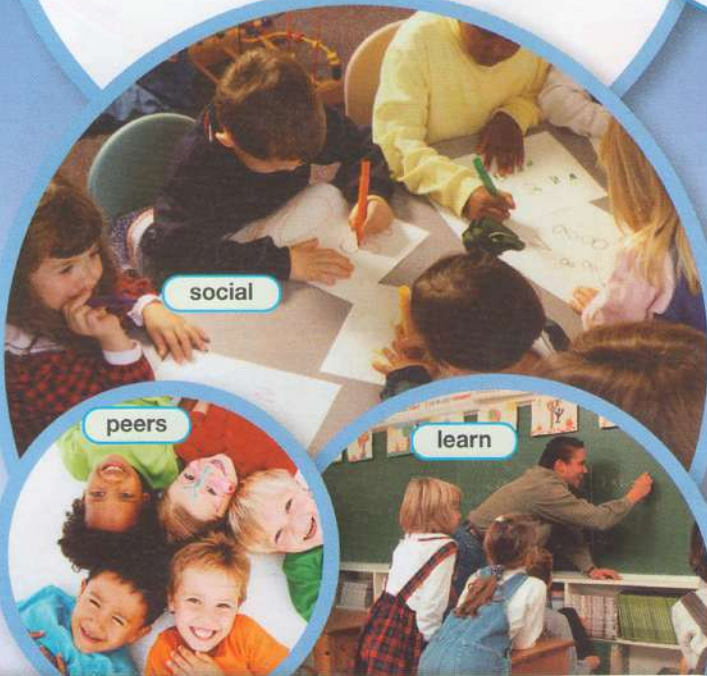
- 1 What do children learn in kindergarten?
- 2 How does kindergarten prepare children for first grade?



emotional



interact



social

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Benefits of Attending Kindergarten

Not all states require children to attend kindergarten. However, enrolling has many benefits.

Kindergarten helps children prepare for the first grade. It gets them used to a school setting. For example, it teaches them to follow a schedule.

Kindergarten also offers **social** and **emotional** benefits. Kindergarteners **learn** how to **interact** with **peers**. They **practice** self-control, patience and empathy. Teachers try to set manageable tasks. When children complete these tasks, their **self-esteem** improves.

Finally, kindergarten provides **academic** advantages. For instance, kindergarteners **develop** their **problem-solving** skills. Their language abilities also improve. Kindergarteners spend a lot of time listening to stories.

Sign up for kindergarten.
It gives your child a head start.

Reading

2 Read the webpage. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Children must attend kindergarten in order to enter first grade.
- 2 Children learn social skills in kindergarten.
- 3 Kindergarten teachers read stories to the children.

Vocabulary

3 Read the sentences and choose the correct words.

- 1 We introduce children to **academic/social** subjects like math.
- 2 The children usually **develop/interact** with each other during recess.
- 3 As children develop their **problem-solving/self-esteem** they feel better about themselves.
- 4 Reading **practice/peer** takes place every morning at 10 a.m.

4 Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- 1 Melody will gain knowledge about how to read in kindergarten.
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- 2 Activities that are done with others for pleasure are important for children.
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- 3 Starting kindergarten can be associated with strong feelings for parents and kids.
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- 4 The kids worked on the process of finding ways to fix problems.
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- 5 Kindergarten lets kids spend time with other children the same age.
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- 6 Joshua's math skills improved with experience.
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