

# Unit 4 Why don't you talk to your parents?

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**Section B 2c-3b**

**Are you busy in a week?**

**What do you do after school?**



**study English**

**study math**



**Are you busy in a week?**

**What do you do after school?**



**have piano**

**lessons**

**Are you busy in a week?**

**What do you do after school?**



**watch movies**

**play sports or  
exercise**



**2c.** Look at the words in bold in the article. Can you guess their meanings? Try to match them with the meanings below.

1. Keeps on happening continues
2. Physical exercise and practice of skills training
3. Worries about things at home, school or work stress
4. Usual or common typical

**2c**

**5. Try to be the best or the first to finish**

something **compete**

**6. Getting better or bigger** **development**

**7. Looking for differences and similarities**

between things **comparing**

**2d. Read the article again and answer the questions.**

**Q1. Does Cathy Taylor think it's important for kids to join after-school activities?**

**Q2. Does Linda Miller agree with Cathy? What's her opinion?**

**Q3. Does Dr. Green agree with Cathy or Linda? What does she say?**

**2d**

**Q1. Does Cathy Taylor think it's important for kids to join after-school activities?**

**Yes, she does. She thinks that after-school activities are good for the children's future.**

**Q2. Does Linda Miller agree with Cathy? What's her opinion?**

**No, she doesn't. She thinks that people shouldn't push their children so hard, and they should let their kids be kids.**



**2d**

**Q3. Does Dr. Green agree with Cathy or Linda? What does she say?**

**Dr. Green agrees with Linda. She says that after-school activities can cause a lot of stress for children. She also says that children should have time to relax and think for themselves, and that it's more important to have happy children than successful children.**

**2e. Discuss the questions with your partner.**

- 1. What do you think of after- school activities?**
- 2. What should you do to relax?**

**3a.** A magazine interviewed some parents about after-school classes for children. Read the opinions below and make notes on your own opinions.

**Why should children take after-school classes?**

- 1. " After-school classes can help kids get into a good university."**
- 2. " I want my child to be a successful person."**
- 3. " It's good for children to start learning from a young age."**

**3a**

## **Your opinions**

**Agree**

**· After-school classes are good for the children's future. They can help**

**children get into good schools and universities.**

- Some of these classes help children to feel good about themselves.**
- Some classes help children to learn important skills not taught at school. These skills may actually help children relax.**
- People learn better at a younger age.**
- Children have more time than adults, so they should learn as much as they can before they get too busy to learn new things.**

# Disagree

- **After-school classes take away the children's free time. Children have no time to relax and just do nothing.**
- **Children may be so busy they have no time to absorb and apply what they have been taught.**
- **Some children are made to learn skills they are not interested in.**
- **These classes cause the children to be stressed.**
- **These classes take away the children's childhood.**

**3b.** Write a letter to the magazine to express your opinions on after-school classes for children. Use the following expressions to help you.

**First, say if you agree or disagree.**

**Dear ... ,**

**I don't really agree with ... because ...**

**Although some parents are right about ... ,  
I think children should ...**

**3b**

**Then, explain why.**

**In my opinion, it is important for children / parents to ...**

**I believe it is better if children / parents ...  
so that ...**

**Perhaps children / parents should / could ...**

**If children ... , they will ...**

# Exercise

用所给动词的正确形式完成短文。

Dear Livy,

I have some problems, I need your help.

My friends planned a party last Sunday. But they **didn't invite** ( not invite ) me. I want **to call** ( call ) up John, but I know I shouldn't **argue** ( argue ) with him. My friend Sandy always **wears** ( wear ) the same clothes as I do. I don't know what to do. **Could** you **help** ( help ) me?  
Thanks a lot.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny