

Homework Continued

How long does it take to do homework assignments?

If a student learning English is given ½ hour of homework, it will often take him/her 1-2 hours to complete it.

Who should do Homework?

The **student** should do the homework.

Some parents think that help from an older sibling or tutor will produce better grades for the student. Help should take the form of making the instructions easier to understand.

Teachers give both in-class and homework assignments. Both count for marks. If students do not have enough practice doing the work independently, they may not do well overall.



Using a Computer

Elementary students may need to use computers for research or for working on a group project. If you do not have a computer at home, your public and school libraries have computers your child can use.



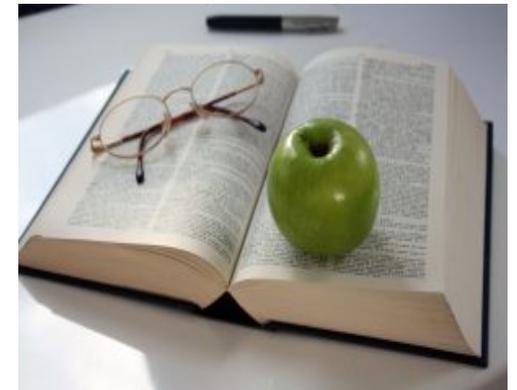
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Understanding Homework in BC Elementary Schools



Kindergarten to Grade 7

Homework in BC



What are the BC Ministry of Education guidelines on homework?

The Ministry of Education sets guidelines for the amount of homework to be given to B.C students. These guidelines are:

Gr. K to 3 ► No homework

Gr. 4 to 7 ► ½ hour per night

Examples of Homework

- Complete work assigned in class.
- Read a book in English or the home language for a specified time.
- Watch a specific TV program in English.
- Gather information from various sources.
- Work with classmates on a class project.
- Write a journal entry.
- Read or reread chapters in a text or novel.

In BC, teachers see more value in the quality of work, rather than the quantity.



Purposes of Homework

There are many reasons for giving homework. The teacher wants the learners to:

- *be ready for different/new work the next day.*
- *become better readers.*
- *increase vocabulary.*
- *be able to retell a story to others - out loud or in writing.*
- *learn and practice language skills.*
- *improve ability to follow a story's development.*
- *learn or practice working together in pairs or groups.*
- *improve ability to predict what may come next in a story.*
- *improve writing.*