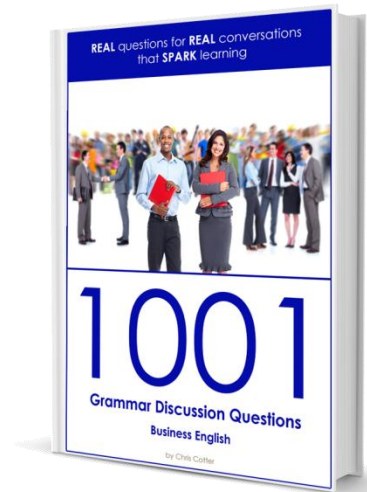
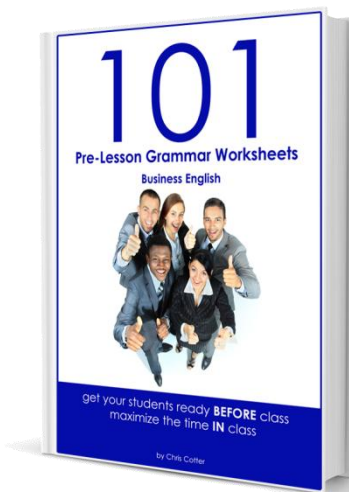


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

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Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

WARM-UPS

Select one or all of the following warm-up activities.

1: **Define:** What does "home schooling" mean? Can you use it in a sentence? Can you give examples?

2: **Brainstorm:** Brainstorm with a partner(s) words and ideas associated with "home schooling" for 2 minutes. Spend another 5 minutes or less discussing the words and ideas together.

3: **Title:** Speculate and/or discuss the contents of today's article from its title: "Home Schoolers on the Rise."

4: **Do you agree or disagree? Why?**

a.	Home schooling is for the elite and powerful. It's an unfair system!
b.	Grades are the most important part of school.
c.	Children must learn social customs, and so should go to school.
d.	Learning from home with a tutor or via the Internet is the wave of the future.
e.	All children should be required to attend public school to receive the same education.

5: **Dilemma:** Your son/daughter isn't doing well in school. He/She has gotten into fights, received poor grades, and come home very late at night. When asked about the problem, he/she just says that school is boring.

a.	Would you consider a private school that focuses on discipline?
b.	Would you consider a private school that offers more challenges?
c.	Would you consider home schooling, which will let him/her work on topics that are of interest?
d.	Would you not do anything?

Why?

VOCABULARY

Select one of the following vocabulary acquisition activities.

1: Vocabulary match: Individually or in pairs/groups, match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B.

a.	opt	q.	go beyond
b.	split	r.	togetherness
c.	surpass	s.	supporter
d.	echelon	t.	communicate
e.	advocate	u.	hold back
f.	cohesion	v.	level
g.	hinder	w.	choose
h.	interact	x.	copy
i.	replicate	y.	a lot
j.	abundant	z.	divide

2: Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

	surpass	interact	abundant	splits	echelon
	hindered	opting	cohesion	advocates	replicate
a.	Increasing numbers of families are () for the ultimate in private school.				
b.	Lisa Mazzone's family () its time between California and Florida.				
c.	Tuition can easily equal or () \$30,000.				
d.	At upper () private schools, \$30,000 isn't unheard of.				
e.	() see in-home teaching as a chance for better academic attention and flexibility in scheduling.				
f.	Home schooling also gives a sense of family () and autonomy over what the children learn.				
g.	The downside, however, may be that social goals are ().				
h.	The children have fewer opportunities to () with their peers.				
i.	Group lessons, such as ballet or sculpture, helps to () some social interaction.				
j.	Companies that supply teachers and curricula are ().				

3: Define: Define each word, correctly pronounce it, explain the meaning and/or usage, and offer an example sentence to the class.

a.	opt	c.	surpass	e.	advocate	g.	hinder	i.	replicate
b.	split	d.	echelon	f.	cohesion	h.	interact	j.	abundant

WORD RECOGNITION

1: Word Search: Find the target words (in bold). Time yourself, and see how many words you can find in three minutes. In five minutes. In ten minutes.

surpass hindered	interact opting	abundant cohesion	splits advocates	echelon replicate
Y N C S G A S I S J S B N U D Z F O F M T N E S S A P R U S M Q M L I T T D Y C Y M H I U Q V Z L E A D E E M I Z E S U T P P R C H K Y T M O Q N Z H Z S A O G O C S O I U D C U I P C V R N J H E Y B L O B Y N T D J G I T X E W C P J N A D A M C I T W G X S X Q R U D E O P N X P R E P L I C A T E R Q K B H O M X Q W J O Y R D E H Z L Q S F L T F M N N E N D F U L U M E V B Q C I D W D B N H L U R Z U P Q Z X N B J Z Z H J E Z R D C R M K R Z J H				

2: Target Word Pool: Find the target words (in bold) with their exact match. Time yourself, and see how many words you can find in three minutes. In five minutes. In ten minutes.

surpass hindered	interact opting	abundant cohesion	splits advocates	echelon replicate
adhesion surprised advocated blitz escalate operation interaction hinder echidna sprites coherent replica cohesion redundant interacting surpassed usurp abundantly duplicate cohesive hindered adopting vocation optic interact echelon abundant hindsight advance advocate replicated echelons replicates abutment surpass option hindering endive abundanc split interacts spirits surpassing advocates hindrance replicate coercion opting interface				

pre- or post-COMPREHENSION

1: Word Association: Brainstorm words associated with today's topic for two minutes. Present to the class.

2: Brainstorm Questions: Brainstorm questions that you would like to ask about today's topic. Answer the questions without looking at the article.

3: True or False?: Guess (before the article) or answer (after the article) whether the sentence is true or false. If false, correct the sentence.

a.	In the past, home schooling was often due to religious reasons.	T / F
b.	The price tag of home schooling can be greater than the top private schools.	T / F
c.	Opponents say that home schooling offers unequalled levels of academic attention.	T / F
d.	There are no downsides to home schooling.	T / F
e.	Social interaction among peers can be duplicated outside the school environment.	T / F

4: Questions: Answer the questions to check comprehension.

a.	Why are more and more families choosing home schooling?
b.	How much does it cost?
c.	What do advocates of home schooling have to say?
d.	If there are any downsides, what are they?
e.	What might the solutions be to these problems?

5: Vocabulary: In pairs/groups, remember how the words were used in today's article.

a.	opting	c.	surpass	e.	advocates	g.	hindered	i.	replicate
b.	splits	d.	echelon	f.	cohesion	h.	interact	j.	abundant

6: Fragments: Remember how the fragments were used, and complete the sentence from today's article.

a.	Unlike the more familiar home schoolers of recent years...
b.	Lisa's mother says...
c.	Furthermore, the cost can easily...
d.	Advocates see in-home teaching as...
e.	The children have fewer opportunities to interact with their peers, and so...

post-COMPREHENSION

1: Vocabulary: Circle any additional unknown words/phrases in the article. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the meanings. Present to the class.

2: Class Questions: Read through the article once more, and write down any questions that you would like to discuss in pairs/groups or as a class. Discuss.

3: Summarize: Work with a partner to summarize the article in your own words.

4: Discuss: Talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Ensure that students adequately support their answers.

a.	Did you like this article?
b.	How do you feel about home schooling? Why?
c.	What are some reasons that you would want to home school your child?
d.	What are some reasons that you wouldn't want to home school your child?
e.	Do you think home schooling with a private teacher is the wave of the future? Why/not?
f.	Do you think home schooling via the Internet is the wave of the future? Why/not?
g.	What is the single greatest advantage of home schooling? of public schooling? of private schooling?
h.	How is home schooling different from getting tutored in a single subject?
i.	What would you say if your son or daughter wanted to quit school and study at home?
j.	If you moved to an English speaking country for one year, would you home school your child?

5: Role-play: Assume the roles to discuss the following topics. Would you choose home or public schools?

Talk About:	Home or Public school?
Grades After school activities and social events Dating Friends and peers	
Child: You hate school. You want to study at home instead because you can learn more about the subjects you like. Of course you will also be able to learn more about other subjects!	
Parent: You've recently read about home schooling. Although it sounds like a good idea academically, you are worried that those children don't have enough chances to meet and talk with their friends. In the future, those children won't understand how to live and work in society.	

6: Google Search: Type "home schooling" into Google news and read additional articles on this topic. Discuss or write an essay about your findings.

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Notes:

STUDENT HANDOUT (fill in the blank)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

teachers	interact	important	echelon	abundant
surpass	opting	replicate	hindered	together
cohesion	advocates	private	homework	splits

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The price tag for (e. _____) teachers generally runs from \$70 to \$110 an hour. Furthermore, the cost can easily equal or (f. _____) tuition at the upper (g. _____) of private schools, where \$30,000 isn't unheard of. (h. _____) see in-home teaching as a chance to offer unequalled levels of academic attention and flexibility in scheduling. There is also a sense of family (i. _____) and autonomy over what the children learn.

The downside, however, may be that social goals are (j. _____). The children have fewer opportunities to (k. _____) with their peers, and so (l. _____) social skills may be underdeveloped. Group lessons, such as ballet or sculpture, help to (m. _____) some social interaction.

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STUDENT HANDOUT (extended listening)

Listen and fill in the missing sentences. Compare your answers with a partner, and then listen once more.

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STUDENT HANDOUT (notes)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary

1. Vocabulary Match:

a.	w	f.	r
b.	z	g.	u
c.	q	h.	t
d.	v	i.	x
e.	s	j.	y

2. Fill in the Blanks:

a.	opting	f.	cohesion
b.	splits	g.	hindered
c.	surpass	h.	interact
d.	echelon	i.	replicate
e.	advocates	j.	abundant

pre- or post-Comprehension

1. True or False:

a.	T
b.	T
c.	F
d.	F
e.	T

2. Fragments:

a.	these families aren't interested in getting more religion, nor do they have a problem with ordinary education.
b.	"For someone who travels a lot or has a parent who travels and wants to keep the family together, it's an excellent choice."
c.	equal or surpass tuition at the upper echelon of private schools, where \$30,000 isn't unheard of.
d.	a chance to offer unequalled levels of academic attention and flexibility in scheduling.
e.	important social skills may be underdeveloped.

Student Handout

1. Fill in the Blanks

a.	opting	i.	cohesion
b.	splits	j.	hindered
c.	homework	k.	interact
d.	together	l.	important
e.	private	m.	replicate
f.	surpass	n.	teachers
g.	echelon	o.	abundant
h.	advocates		

2. Extended Listening

a.	these families aren't interested in getting more religion, nor do they have a problem with ordinary education
b.	whose family splits its time between California and Florida
c.	a sense of family cohesion and autonomy over what the children learn
d.	such as ballet or sculpture, help to replicate some social interaction
e.	another home schooler, sums it up best