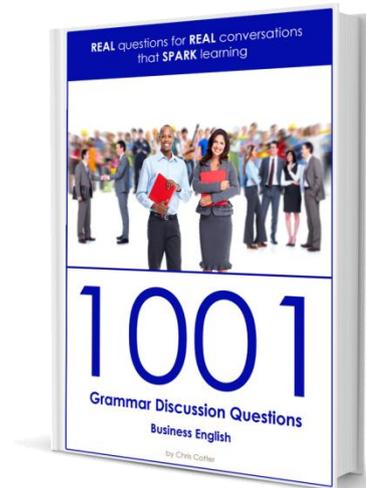
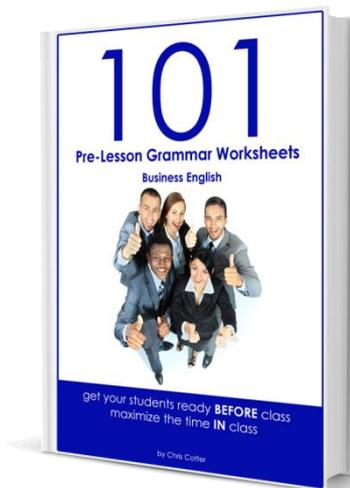
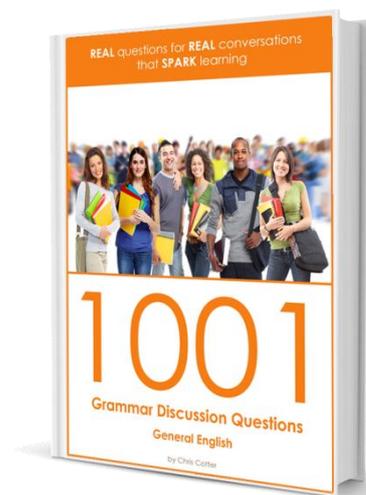
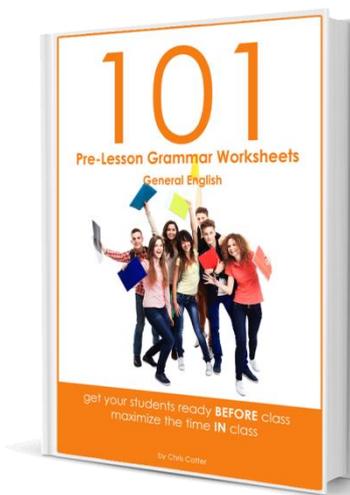
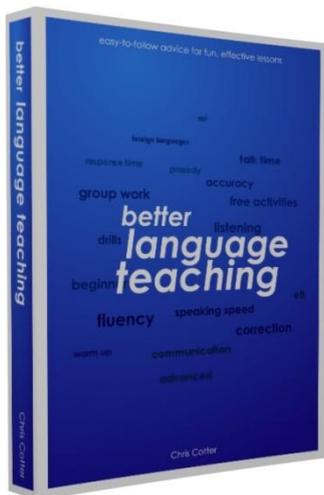


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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

Home Schoolers on the Rise

Increasing numbers of families are opting for the ultimate in private school. They are hiring teachers to educate their children at home. Unlike the more familiar home schoolers of recent years, these families aren't interested in getting more religion, nor do they have a problem with ordinary education. Simply, public schools don't fit their lifestyles.

Take Lisa Mazzone, whose family splits its time between California and Florida. Lisa may have her algebra or history homework delivered poolside or on her condo's rooftop. Lisa's mother says, "For someone who travels a lot or has a parent who travels and wants to keep the family together, it's an excellent choice." The Mazzonis own a speedboat company, requiring frequent travel.

The price tag for private teachers generally runs from \$70 to \$110 an hour. Furthermore, the cost can easily equal or surpass tuition at the upper echelon of private schools, where \$30,000 isn't unheard of. Advocates 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 cohesion and autonomy over what the children learn.

The downside, however, may be that social goals are hindered. The children have fewer opportunities to interact with their peers, and so important social skills may be underdeveloped. Group lessons, such as ballet or sculpture, help to replicate some social interaction.

Companies that supply teachers and curricula are abundant, making it easier for families to step away from traditional schooling. Tiffany Wheeler, another home schooler, sums it up best. "It's fun," she says, barefoot and looking relaxed at her bedroom desk.

Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the answers.

the Article (for students)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

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

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STEP ONE

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

STEP TWO

Target Word Pool: Find the target words (in bold) with their exact match. How long did it take to find all the words?

| surpass | interact | abundant | splits | echelon |
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| hindered | opting | cohesion | advocates | replicate |
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STEP THREE

Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blank with the correct word. Use a dictionary for any words you don't know, but be sure to check your English-English dictionary, too.

| surpass | interact | abundant | splits | echelon |
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| hindered | opting | cohesion | advocates | replicate |
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| 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 (). | | | |

STEP FOUR

The Article: 1) Read the article, but don't worry about the missing words. 2) Fill in the blanks with today's vocabulary, followed by all the other words. 3) Read the article again, and circle any unknown words/phrases. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the words or phrases your circled. 4) Answer the questions to check your comprehension.

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| 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? |

STEP FIVE

Discuss: Write down five vocabulary words from today's article that you want to use.

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| b. | |
| c. | |
| d. | |
| e. | |

Now talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Every time you use a vocabulary word, place a check next to it.

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|----|---|
| a. | How do you feel about home schooling? Why? |
| b. | Do you think home schooling via the Internet is the wave of the future? Why/not? |
| c. | What is the single greatest advantage of home schooling? of public schooling? of private schooling? |
| d. | How is home schooling different from getting tutored in a single subject? |

Score yourself:

10 or more times: Fantastic! Be sure to review the words at home.

6-9 times: Pretty good! You're on your way to acquiring today's vocabulary. Try writing your own sentences at home for additional practice.

5 or less times: Try harder next time! To acquire new vocabulary, you need to use the new words as much as possible.