School Subjects

Grade A-A\*

**Example**

En mi instituto tenemos que hacer cinco clases cada día. Yo estudio diez asignaturas incluso matemáticas, inglés y ciencias. Cuando era pequeña quería hacer clases de peluquería pero ahora preferiría estudiar asignaturas más académicas. Personalmente me encanta el inglés porque para mí es muy fácil y no hay que trabajar duro para sacar buenas notas. Por otro lado odio el español porque no entiendo nada y las clases siempre son tan aburridas. Cuando iba a la escuela primaria estudiábamos el francés y era tan divertido porque el profesor compraba caramelos para nosotros. Hoy en día mi asignatura preferida es la educación física porque las clases son muy activas y divertidas y me llevo bien con mi profesor. La asignatura que menos me gusta es la historia porque mis amigos no están conmigo y de vez en cuando puede ser bastante difícil.

*In my school we have to do 5 lessons each day. I study 10 subjects including maths, English and science. When I was little I used to want to do hairdressing classes but now I would prefer to do more academic subjects. Personally I love English because for me it’s very easy and you don’t have to work very hard to get good grades. On the other hand I hate Spanish because I don’t understand anything and the classes are always so boring. When I was in primary school we studied French and it was so fun because the teacher used to buy sweets for us. Nowadays my favourite subject is PE because the classes are active and fun and I get on well with the teacher. The subject I like the least is history because my friends aren’t with me and from time to time can be quite difficult.*

**Tips for Securing a Grade A-A\***

* Avoid repetition and lists!!!
* Include opinions and justify them with reasons.
* Sentences should be long and detailed
* Use a range of connectives such as ‘además’ (furthermore).
* Include adjectives such as ‘fascinante’ (fascinating).
* Include phrases such as ‘puede ser’ (it can be) and ‘tengo que + infinitive’ (I have to).
* Include 2+ tenses.
* Include high level vocabulary such as idioms.

**Task**

* You are now going to produce your own paragraph about your school subjects.
* You should aim to write between 80-110 words.
* Use your vocabulary books, sheets, a dictionary and the example above to help you.

**You should include:**

1. What you study (remember to avoid lists – you could say ‘I study 10 subjects including…’ then just give a few examples.
2. What you like and what you dislike and why
3. Your favourite subject/s and why
4. Your least favourite subject and why
5. What you used to study/what you would prefer to study/what you studied last year etc.