

Video Teaching Notes: Report Units 4–6

Cresskill High School

Report Summary

Topic: The report is about Cresskill High School in New Jersey, in the United States. It gives information about the students, their school, and the subjects they study.

Preparation: Ask some questions about your school timetable, *What time is it? What time is math class? What time is English class?*

Check students understand these words: *choir, gym, machines, meals, media center, weights, wraps* (filled tortilla sandwiches)

Background: In the United States, students start school at pre-school or kindergarten and then progress through Primary School and Middle School to High School. Children are taught in year groups and these are divided into grades. The first year of kindergarten is called first grade and the last year of high school is called twelfth grade. After graduating from High School with a High School Diploma, students can go on to Higher Education institutions such as college or university.

Before You Watch

Read the questions with the class and elicit answers from individual students. Encourage students to guess the answers they don't know and use their suggestions to start a class discussion.

ANSWER

Students' own answers.

Comprehension Check

1. Watch the Report. Choose the correct answers.
Pre-watching: Go through the questions with the students.
 1. How many students are there at Cresskill High School?
 2. What time is the first class?
 3. What do students do in the afternoon?



Play the whole Report. Students choose the correct answers. Check their answers with the Comprehension Check.

ANSWERS

2. a 3. b

2. Watch the Report again. Put the statements in the order you hear them.

Pre-watching: Ask students to order the statements if they can before watching the video again.



Play the Report to check answers.

ANSWERS

2. It's a math lesson. 3. Art class is at 9:15.
4. At eleven o'clock it's lunchtime.
5. Cresskill High School also has a choir.

3. Watch the Report again. Circle the correct words.

Pre-watching: Ask students to read the questions carefully and then circle the correct words in each answer.



Play the Report again to check answers. Pause after each answer.

ANSWERS

2. twelve to fourteen 3. 45 4. media center 5. wraps 6. hockey

4. Watch the Report again. Circle T (true) or F (false).

Pre-watching: Ask students to read the statements and circle T (true) or F (false) before watching the Report again.



Play the Report again to check answers. Pause after each statement.

ANSWERS

2. T 3. F 4. T 5. T 6. F

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY Write this group of letters clearly on the board.

C G M A E L N T H O P C E S H U Y E C R I

Students work in pairs. Ask them to write seven school subjects using each letter only once per word. Give them one or two minutes. The pair who find the seven subjects first are the winner. Go through the answers with the class.

ANSWERS

English, math, history, geography, art, science, computer science

Language Check



5. Look at the chart. Then watch the Language Check.

Verb be: questions with *What time*

What time is it?

What time is art class?

Clock times with *at*

Art class is **at** 9:15.

At eleven o'clock it's lunchtime.

Pre-watching: Review the grammar points by asking questions around the class and eliciting answers. If necessary brainstorm some school subjects and clock times on the board first. Pay attention to the correct use of the preposition *at*, for example *What time is art class?* (*Art class is at 9:15.*) **At** eleven o'clock it's lunchtime.



Play the Language Check and pause when examples of the language appear. Ask students to listen and repeat.

6. Put the words in order to make statements.

Ask students to order the words in the statements. Go through the answers with the class.

ANSWERS

2. Art class is at 9:15. 3. English class is at nine o'clock.
4. Italian class is at 2:15. 5. Math class is at 11:30.

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7. Answer the questions. Write about you.

Ask students to answer the questions so that they are true. Go through the answers with the class.

ANSWER

Students' own answers.

About You!

8. Answer the questions about you.

Read the questions with the class and elicit answers from individual students.

ANSWER

Students' own answers.

SCRIPT

Cresskill is a village in New Jersey, in the United States. There are eight thousand people in Cresskill.

This is Cresskill School. It is a middle school and a high school. Students at the middle school are twelve to fourteen years old.

At Cresskill High School, students are fourteen to eighteen.

Cresskill High School has six hundred students, and fifty teachers.

The day starts at seven thirty in the morning. The students are on time. The first class starts at seven forty. It's a math class. These students are fifteen or sixteen years old and they are in tenth grade.

What time is it? It's eight thirty. It's time for English class. Each class is forty-five minutes long.

What time is art class? Art class is at 9:15.

It's ten ten and it's time for Italian class.

There is also a library and media center for extra work.

At eleven o'clock it's lunchtime. There are hot meals and wraps.

In the afternoon, students do sports. There is badminton in this hall. There is also a gym with weights and machines. Outside there is hockey and climbing.

Cresskill High School also has a choir. There are 30 students in the choir.