

## WHY PERFECT GRADES DON'T MATTER

### Ted -ED animation

#### I Vocabulary

**SAT:** Reasoning test, national, to integrate universities

**GPA:** Grade Point Average, way of measuring academic achievement

#### Match the words to their definitions or synonyms

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| 1. Achievement        | a. To have an adverse effect                   |
| 2. Overwhelming       | b. intelligent                                 |
| 3. Self-worth         | c. Every day                                   |
| 4. To track           | d. To monitor                                  |
| 5. To attend          | e. Accomplishment                              |
| 6. On a daily basis   | f. University                                  |
| 7. College            | g. Inescapable                                 |
| 8. Valedictorian      | h. Equal                                       |
| 9. Peers              | i. Very great, huge                            |
| 10. Trailblazers      | j. Pioneer                                     |
| 11. Smart             | k. Evaluation                                  |
| 12. To correlate      | l. To correspond                               |
| 13. To take a toll    | m. School preparing more to professional world |
| 14. Assessment        | n. Best student in a group                     |
| 15. Vocational school | o. Self-esteem                                 |
| 16. Unavoidable       | p. To be present                               |

#### II Comprehension

1. When was the grading system created in the United states of America?

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2. A 2002 study revealed \_\_% of students based their self-worth on their grades.

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| a. 45% | c. 64% |
| b. 80% | d. 55% |

3. Name 3 negative consequences of the use of grades, according to the document.

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4. A national survey of 24,000 students showed \_\_% have cheated on a test.

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| a. 40% | c. 46% |
| b. 80% | d. 64% |

5. Researchers found high school students with lower grades and higher test scores performed worse in college. Why?

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6. What could contribute to Finland being ranked higher than the U.S. in academic achievement?

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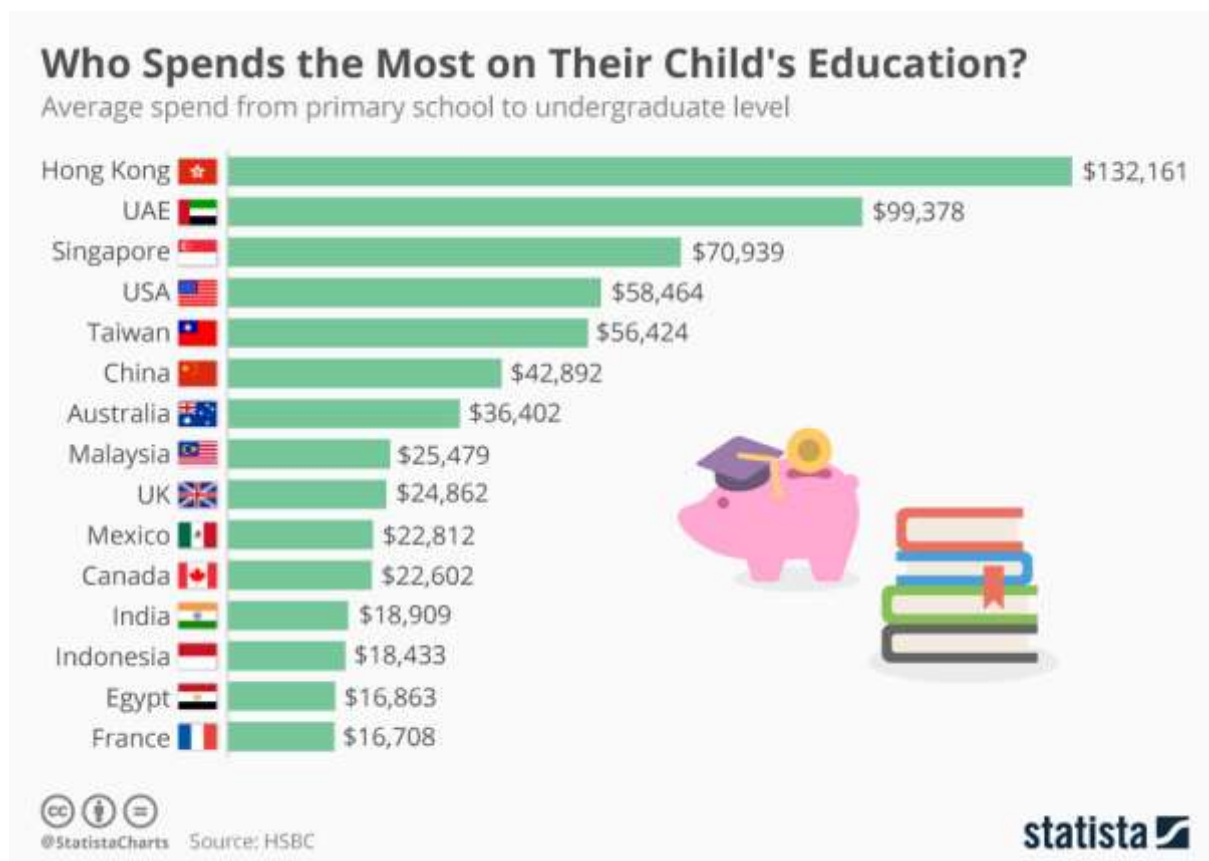
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**III Discussion**

Do you think a student that strives to get A’s will retain the material beyond the test?

Why do you think valedictorians were not categorized as “visionaries or trailblazers” in the real world?

What do you think of the grading system for the ‘Anglais renforcé’ module?



The **Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)** is a worldwide study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in member and non-member nations intended to evaluate educational systems by measuring 15-year-old school pupils' scholastic performance on mathematics, science, and reading.

It was first performed in 2000 and then repeated every three years. Its aim is to provide comparable data with a view to enabling countries to improve their education policies and outcomes. It measures problem solving and cognition.

### Éducation : le classement Pisa 2015

Classement et score moyen en...



Étude Pisa 2015 : épreuves passées par environ 540 000 élèves, représentatifs des 29 millions d'élèves âgés de 15 ans scolarisés dans 72 pays et économies participants - Source : OCDE (décembre 2016)

