

I) LINK WORDS

TEXT: GRAMMAR VS COMPREHENSIVE

A. Find the best French equivalents to the following linkwords:

- 'There are no criteria of how to look to be popular **unlike** the school where I used to go': _____
- '**Although** there are pros and cons of both comprehensive and grammar schools, I disagree with those who want grammar schools abolished': _____
- '**However** by year 11 the teachers had helped me develop my social skills as well as my academic'
'**However**, I believe grammar schools do help you achieve better academically':

- '**Therefore** I don't think that grammar schools are any better than comprehensives':

- '**Whereas** in my experience comprehensive schools include people who don't want to work': _____

B. Complete these sentences using the most appropriate link words:

- Grammar schools focus on academic achievements. _____, comprehensive school focus more on social development.
- If you work hard you can succeed in any type of school. _____, where you go doesn't really matter.
- _____ Kate found a lot of advantages in both systems, she still prefers the grammar school system.
- In a grammar school appearances don't really matter _____ in a comprehensive school they play a much more significant role.
- Grammar schools, _____ comprehensive schools, select their students.

II) PRESENT OR PAST SIMPLE?

Here's another student's (Marylin's) opinion about grammar schools. Put the verbs in parentheses in either the present or past simple:

I _____ (1 – *not think*) grammar schools are better than comprehensive schools. When I _____ (2 – *move*) to this grammar school in September, I _____ (3 – *be*) very sad because people _____ (4 – *not seem*) very friendly. Now I _____ (5 – *feel*) better because I've managed to make a few friends. However, the problem here is that everything is focused on academic work and everyone _____ (6 – *judge*) you on how well you _____ (7 – *do*) in tests and exams. Last week I _____ (8 – *get*) a bad mark on my Maths test and I _____ (9 – *feel*) desperate! Luckily my new friend Kate _____ (10 – *give*) me a lot of help and support.