Unit 2 — School Life Elsewhere — Teacher copy

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Niveau E

1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Reading — three short pen-pal extracts

Lagos. In our school, lessons are taught in English, but we speak Yoruba and Igbo with friends. Uniform is compulsory. Lunch is brought from home.

Helsinki. In Finland, school starts at age 7. Homework is given lightly. Lunch is provided free. We go outside for a break every hour, even in -10°C.

São Paulo. Our school day is split: lessons in the morning, sports in the afternoon. Homework is set every day. Lunch is bought at a small canteen.

Grammar — present passive

Form: *to be* (in tense) + past participle.

- *Lessons are taught in English.*
- *Homework is given lightly.*
- *Lunch is provided free.*
- *Sports are played in the afternoon.*

Use the passive when *who* does the action is obvious or unimportant.

2. Practise

Niveau E — controlled

1. Active → passive: They teach lessons in English. → ___ ; The school provides lunch. → ___ ; Teachers give homework. → ___ .
2. Choose active or passive (more natural): *(somebody / set / homework / every day)* → ___ .

Niveau E — productive

3. Build 4 sentences in present passive about how things are done at your school.

3. Your turn

Pair speaking — *Compare three schools*. 2 min each. Use 3 passive structures + one comparison. Report back to the class with one *I learned that …* sentence.

Sample

— In Helsinki, lunch is provided free at school, while in São Paulo lunch is bought at a canteen. — Yes, and homework is given more in São Paulo than in Helsinki.

4. Further reading / listening

- BBC News — *Education* short articles.
- British Council Schools Online — pen-pal projects.

5. Teacher answer key

Controlled. 1. *Lessons are taught in English. Lunch is provided by the school. Homework is given by teachers.*

2. *Homework is set every day.*

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