



The difference & similarity between...

UK

EDUCATION



Vietnam

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THE DIFFERENCE





1. Stages of education

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United Kingdom

- There are two main school systems in the UK:
 - Primary school (4 to 11)
 - Secondary school (11 to 16)
- After graduation, students can take part in a non-compulsory national examination for 16-year olds to participate in further education systems, known as colleges.

Viet Nam

- Vietnam has three school systems:
 - Primary school (6 to 11)
 - Lower-secondary school (11 to 15)
 - High school (15 to 18).
- After that, they must participate in the national exam to go to college or start vocational studying.



2. School terms

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United Kingdom

- Students in the UK go to school between September and July of the following year. There're 6 terms per school year in most schools.
- There're 3 holidays for British students: Christmas, Easter and summer. 3 mid-term holidays takes part between terms.

Viet Nam

- Meanwhile, school year in Vietnam begins in September and ends in May, with only 2 terms.
- Vietnamese students have 2 holidays: Lunar New Year and summer.



3. Education System

Education System

United Kingdom

- The United Kingdom has two curriculums: The National Curriculum for children in England and Wales, and the other one, not as difficult, is used in Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- All children within border of the UK must go to school among ages of 5 to 16.

Viet Nam

- Vietnam only has one system used from the North to the South. There're two subjects (optional) in the National Curriculum, but doesn't exist in Vietnam: Religious Education and Sex Education.
- Children in Vietnam, on the other hand, must go to school since they're 6 and leave school at 18.

Education System

United Kingdom

- In the UK, lunch and dinner is always eaten at school. There is a swipe card so that teachers could check the students' attendance. All subjects are learnt in different rooms: a gym for PE, a music room for music, an art room for art – design...

Viet Nam

- Vietnamese students have all their meals at home (except for a large quantity of primary students, who have lunch at school). Most subjects are learned in the same room (except for IT, and sometimes, Science).



THE SIMILARITIES





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Education takes an important part in both countries' lifestyle. It's compulsory for all children within border of that country. Most subjects are the same, including Mathematics, Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), History, Geography, Music, PE and a foreign language (English in Vietnam). Other subjects are known by different names, but the content stays the same. Those include the mother tongue (English in UK and Vietnamese – Literature in Vietnam), Art – Design; Design – Technology (Simply call them Art and Technology), Citizenship (Civic Education) and Information – Communication Technology (IT).

=> **In conclusion**, the education systems in Britain and in Vietnam are very different from each other in terms of division of stages, the values which the systems are based on, the teaching and learning style and how students are graded.