

Virtual education

Activity 1 : Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the box below :

educationally / unable / higher / of / perceived / afford / inaccessible/ beneficiaries

Virtual learning or e-learning is an option for students whose parents are wealthy .Unfortunately , it is **inaccessible** for many teenagers who face problems in a traditional classroom environment which may begreat threat to some students . Disabled students are one of the **beneficiaries** of distance learning . many students do not have the internet which is indeed a serious disadvantage in their education . Pupils whose families have a computer are likely to achieve **higher** grades because the benefits of such technology outweighs any **perceived** risks. Hundreds of thousands of British kids are **unable** to access the internet at home either because parents cannot **afford** it or fear the disruptive effects of social networking websites. The study by Oxford University, carried out between 2008 and 2011, estimated about ten per cent of the teenagers were without online connectivity at home - with most living in poorer households. Those without have a strong sense of being **educationally** disadvantaged', according to a survey. Teenagers who don't have access to the internet or can't afford the high expenses of online schools should be supported by parents and teachers to work hard at school.

Activity 2: Put the words between parentheses in the right tense or form :

Many children in Ethiopia , Somalia and other poor African countries are deprived of the basic needs such as nutrition , fresh water , and housing . These obstacles prevent them from (attend) **attending** school. Missing classes is a problem that hurdles the sustained (develop) **development** in these countries . A study released last month (find) **has found** that during a six month interval nearly 60% of

poor children suffer from (illiterate) **illiteracy** and ignorance . Many international organizations do their best(reduce) **to reduce** the high level of poverty in (vary) **various** parts in the world . Research links the following family factors to fewer missed school days: parents who affirm the (necessary) **necessity** of regular school attendance . According to sociologists it is completely (not acceptable) **unacceptable** to remain passive and turn blind eye to this phenomenon. In other countries in Europe the rates of literacy are low . The most common reasons parents give for school absences are medical appointments, epilepsy related tests, and same-day seizure occurrences.

Activity 3 Circle the right option :

School attendance is the essential key to maximize knowledge and to contribute to the human intelligence . Regular attendance (**modifies / alleviate / boosts**) school results and gives the students and parents a sense of (**satisfying/ satisfaction satisfy**) and self confidence . However , illnesses represent the first cause of absence . Students with epilepsy appear to have an (**increasing /increased/ encreased**) risk of depression. The EdMedKids website suggests that (**learners/ educators/ students**) consider working with parents on several dimensions predict good attendance among ill students. A first step is to emphasize for parents the value of their youngster daily coming to and staying at school. A second step is to (**able/ unable/ enable**) parents to become informed about epilepsy and, more broadly, to help parents adjust to the reality of their child's epileptic status. A third step is to (**praise/ courage/ foster**) home-school communication. Teachers can help by using (**report daily cards / cards daily report / daily report cards**) that outline work completion, assignments to be completed, and any medically relevant changes in school behavior. Attendance in class enables the students to get lessons on the spot .