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Lots of boys are friends with girls (left). At secondary school, many become boyfriends and girlfriends (right). Is this good or bad for co-education?



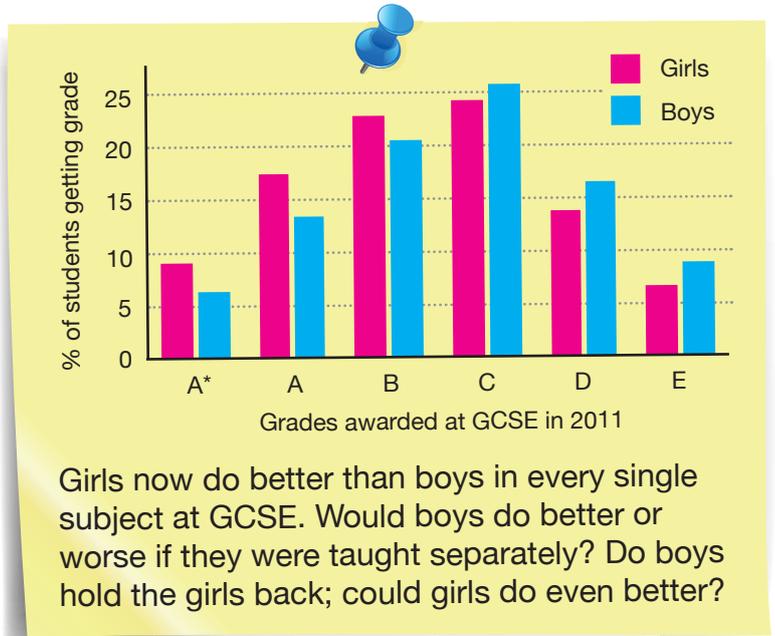
Here boys and girls are playing sports separately. Is this right? How is PE taught in co-ed secondaries?



Some African-American children used to have to go to separate schools. They were called 'separate but equal', but fought for the right to go to mixed race schools. Is gender the same as race?



When people grow up and get jobs, most of them will have to work alongside men and women in offices and factories. What is the best way to prepare them for working life?



Girls now do better than boys in every single subject at GCSE. Would boys do better or worse if they were taught separately? Do boys hold the girls back; could girls do even better?

Books particularly popular among teenage girls | Books equally popular among girls and boys | Books particularly popular among teenage boys



Does this diagram affect the way English is taught?

Some children don't see their father (or mother) and haven't any brothers (or sisters). Is this relevant?



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Complete the questionnaire by putting a ✓ in the box you think best matches each description:

| | Girls | Boys | They're the same |
|--|-------|------|------------------|
| Clever | | | = |
| Well-behaved | | | = |
| Shy | | | = |
| Adventurous | | | = |
| Violent | | | = |
| Teachers tend to give them most attention | | | = |
| Their future might be working in an office | | | = |
| Their future is at home looking after their own children | | | = |
| Their future might be working in a factory | | | = |
| Their future might be working on a construction site | | | = |
| Most likely to get a high-paying job | | | = |
| Most deserving of success in life | | | = |

Have your friends all given the same answers?
Do boys' and girls' answers differ?
Should the answers affect schooling?

Research secondary schools near you. Are they for boys, for girls, or both? Rate them out of 10, based on what you know. Then ask an adult you know (but not a teacher) what they think of each school. Does gender have anything to do with these ratings?

Name of School 1:

Boys Girls Co-ed

Your rating: / 10

Adult's rating: / 10

Name of School 2:

Boys Girls Co-ed

Your rating: / 10

Adult's rating: / 10

Name of School 3:

Boys Girls Co-ed

Your rating: / 10

Adult's rating: / 10