

Compare school life in different places

1 Work in groups. Discuss the questions.

- 1 What do you want to know about school life in other countries?
- 2 What would you tell a teenager from another country about school life in China?

2 Read the text quickly to find the main idea of each paragraph.

Paragraph 1: Senior high school is a challenge.

Paragraph 2: _____

Paragraph 3: _____

Paragraph 4: _____



Skim

You can find main ideas by first taking a quick look at the **title**, **picture(s)**, **key words** and **phrases**, and **topic sentences**.

THE FRESHMAN CHALLENGE

Hi! My name is Adam and I'm a freshman at senior high school. Going from junior high school to senior high school is a really big challenge. The first week was a little confusing.

First, I had to think very carefully about which courses I wanted to take. The school adviser helped me choose the suitable ones: maths, English, chemistry, world history, and Chinese. I know that Chinese is a very difficult language, but I hope to be **fluent** when I **graduate**. My adviser **recommended** that I should sign up for advanced **literature** because I like English and I'm good at it.

I had to choose extra-curricular activities, too. I tried to join the school football team, but the coach told me that I didn't play well enough. **Obviously**, I was unhappy, but I won't **quit**. I'll find a way to improve on my own so that I can make the team next year. I joined a volunteer club instead. Every Wednesday, we work at a soup kitchen and hand out food to homeless people in the community.

I know I'll have to study harder as a senior high school student and get used to being **responsible** for a lot more. I'm a bit worried about keeping up with the other students in my advanced course, and it'll be quite difficult to get used to all the homework. Still, I'm happy to be here. Studying hard isn't always fun, but I'll be well prepared for university or whatever else comes in the future.

