

Unit

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Welcome to Sprout Kindergarten

After learning this unit, you'll be able to:

1. understand preschool education.
2. express your love for the major and children.
3. know something about the aims of preschool English teaching.



Education has for its object the formation of character.

—Herbert Spencer, British philosopher

教育是以造就人的品质为其目标。

——赫伯特·斯宾塞, 英国哲学家



Look at the picture and discuss:

1. Do you love children?
2. Where do children study before going to school?

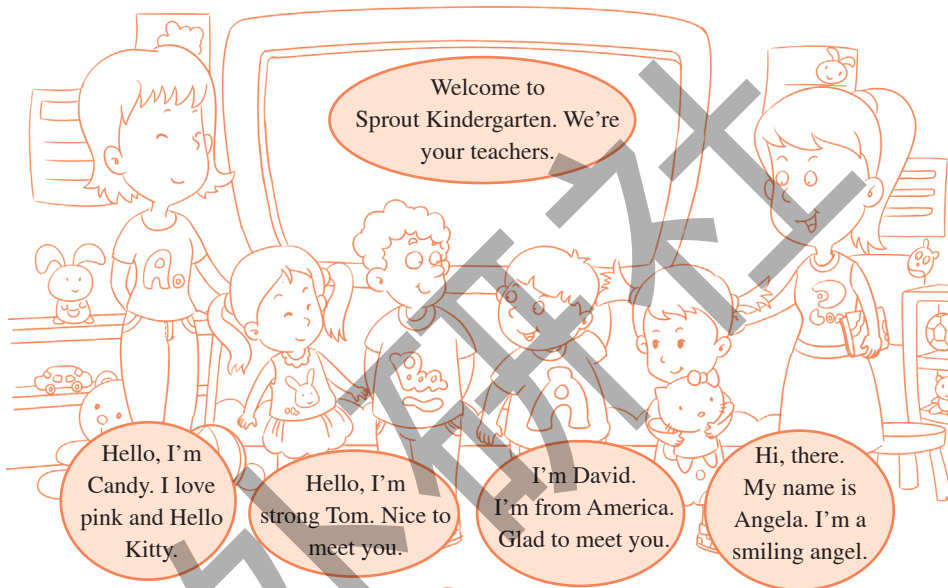


Warming up

1 Can you recognise the words and expression?

Sprout Kindergarten America glad smiling pink

2 Listen and match.



3 Listen and fill in the form.

Names	Lyn	Carrie	Tom	David	Angela	Candy
Age	18 years old					

4 Complete the dialogues with the words below.

how well things bad fine going

1. —Hello. How's it _____?
—Oh, not too _____, thanks.
2. —Hi, there. How are _____?
— _____, thanks.

3. —Good morning. _____ are you?
—I'm very _____, thank you.
And you?

Listening & Speaking



1 Listen and learn the words and expressions.



dining hall 餐厅

dormitory *n.* 宿舍

nap *n.* 午休, 小睡

play with 玩……

craft *n.* 手工作品

display *vt.* 陈列

physical exercises 体育活动

snack *n.* 点心

2 Listen to the dialogue and repeat.



Angela: Lyn, is this the dining hall?

Lyn: Yes, we have breakfast and lunch here.

Angela: Where's the dormitory?

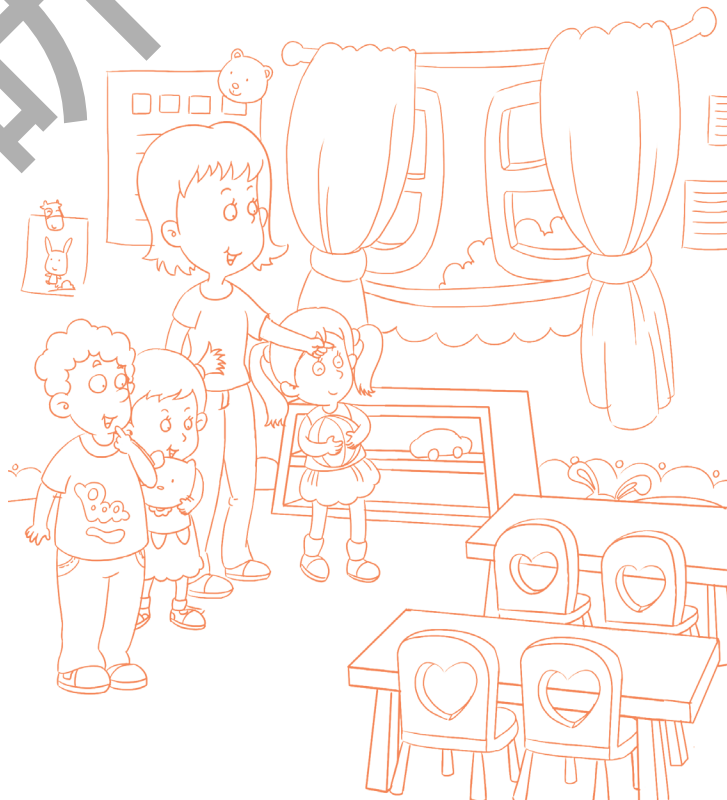
Lyn: The dormitory is next to the dining hall, so it's easy to take a nap there after lunch.

David: This is the reading corner. We can read books here.

Lyn: Yes, and this is the play area, with many toys. You can play with the toys here.

David: What are those things?

Lyn: Those are crafts. You can also display your own favourite crafts. And that is the planting corner. You can grow different flowers and plants there.



3 Answer the questions.

1. What do the children do in the dining hall?
2. Where is the dormitory?
3. What do the children do in the reading corner?
4. What do the children do in the play area?
5. Can the children grow plants or flowers in the planting corner?

4 Read the sentences and match them with the pictures.



I have lunch in the dining hall.

I read books in the reading corner.

I take a nap in the dormitory.

I play with toys in the play area.

I grow flowers in the planting corner.



5 Fill in the blanks with the expressions below.

have lunch

take a nap

grow flowers

read books

This is our beautiful reading room. We can _____ here. And this is the dining hall. We can _____ here. Next to the dining hall, there's the dormitory. We can _____ at noon. We also have the play area and planting corner. Yes, we can _____ there. Then, our kindergarten will be more and more beautiful.

6 Listen and decide true (T) or false (F).



1. The children have classes in the kindergarten every day.
2. The children have English, Maths and Stories in the classroom.
3. The children don't have exercises in the kindergarten.
4. The children can have breakfast, lunch and supper in the dining hall.
5. The children sing, dance and read books in the classroom.

T	F
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7 Listen again and fill in the form.



Places	Activities
playground	
	having breakfast, lunch and snacks
	having classes such as Maths, English, Stories and Music
dormitory	
	reading books, playing games, singing and dancing

8 Complete the dialogue with the expressions below. Then listen and check your answers. 

take a nap

in the playground

what classes

play games

Carrie: Welcome to Sprout Kindergarten.

Parent 1: Excuse me, _____ do you have here?

Carrie: We teach Maths, English, Music and Stories from Monday to Friday in this classroom.

Parent 2: Do you do physical exercises?

Carrie: Yes, we do morning exercises _____.

Parent 1: How about breakfast or break times?

Carrie: In the dining hall, children have breakfast, lunch and snacks. After lunch, the children _____ in the dormitory.

Parent 2: How about afternoons? Do you hold skill classes?

Carrie: After nap time, we read books, _____, sing and dance in the reading corner. We hold several kinds of skill classes, including Spoken English, Composition, Drawing, and so on.

Parent 1: Oh, that sounds great!

9 Work in pairs and role-play.

Fill in the form first, and then practice the dialogue.

Places	Activities
playground	
classroom	
reading corner	
dining hall	
dormitory	

Example: —What can you do in the playground?

—I can do some physical exercises in the playground.

Reading & Writing



1 Listen and learn the words and expression.



preschool *adj.* 学龄前的

provide *vt.* 提供

design *vt.* 设计

responsible *adj.* 负责的

major in 主修

quality *n.* 品质

2 Read the passage with the questions in mind.



1. Is it easy to be a kindergarten teacher?
2. Is it necessary for a kid to go to kindergarten and why?

Kindergarten Teachers and Preschool Education

“Kindergarten” means “children’s garden” in German. This means providing various activities to children all day: to teach them knowledge and skills daily, to teach them to be healthy, honest, brave and confident, to stimulate their ideas and imagination by designing wonderful courses with different objectives.

Many educators have found that if children go to kindergarten, they gain knowledge and skills that enable them to achieve more once they enter grade school. Therefore, preschool education is very important for children. Kindergarten teachers are responsible for education during the early stages of childhood.

To be a kindergarten teacher is not easy. You must major in preschool education. As a kindergarten teacher, you must remember five important qualities: love, patience, caution, consideration, and responsibility.



3 Answer the questions.

1. What does “kindergarten” mean in German?
2. As a kindergarten teacher, what should we provide for children?
3. Why is preschool education very important for children?
4. What qualities should a kindergarten teacher have?

4 Complete the passage with the proper forms of the words below.

caution study activity idea course



How to be a good kindergarten teacher?

I want to be a good kindergarten teacher. Now I'm _____ in a vocational school. I know I should always remember five important qualities: love, patience, _____, consideration and responsibility. I'm learning to provide children with various _____, to stimulate their _____ and imagination by designing wonderful _____ with different objectives. I love children very much.

5 Work in groups and discuss how to be a good kindergarten teacher.

6 Complete the sentences according to the Chinese.

1. 幼儿园教师应该教育孩子们学会健康、诚实、勇敢和自信。
Kindergarten teachers should teach children to be healthy, _____, _____ and confident.
2. 幼儿园教师必须是学前教育专业。
Kindergarten teachers must _____ preschool education.
3. 学前教育对孩子们非常重要。
Preschool education is very _____ for _____.
4. 幼儿园教师应该具有五项重要的品质：爱心、耐心、小心、关心和责任心。
Kindergarten teachers should have five important qualities: love, _____, caution, _____, and responsibility.

Kindergarten Teacher's Station



1 Listen and imitate.

元音 (一)

短元音	/ɪ/ miss /mɪs/	/ə/ worker /'wɜ:kə/	/ɒ/ stop /stɒp/	/ʊ/ look /lʊk/
	/ʌ/ sun /sʌn/	/e/ bed /bed/	/æ/ cat /kæt/	/i/ pretty /'prɪti/
	/u/ annual /'ænjʊəl/			
长元音	/i:/ tea /ti:/	/ɜ:/ work /wɜ:k/	/ɔ:/ draw /drɔ:/	
	/u:/ school /sku:l/	/ɑ:/ card /kɑ:d/		

2 Listen and follow.

It's the first day at Sprout Kindergarten. The teachers welcome all the children at the school gate.

Hi! / Hello!

Good morning, children.

Hello, nice to meet you. / Nice to see you.

Welcome to Sprout Kindergarten.

How are you? I am fine, thank you.

Please say bye-bye to your mummy / daddy.

Come in, please.

Come on. / Come here, please.

Take off your coat.

Do you like our kindergarten?

It's a wonderful place.

Enjoy your day here.

We hope you will have a good time here.

Don't cry, boys and girls.

See you. / Goodbye. / Bye-bye.



3 Look and sing.

Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink, Skidamarink a doo, I love
you! I love you! Skidamarink a dink a dink, Skidamarink a doo,
I love you! I love you in the morning and
in the after - noon, I love you in the evening and underneath the moon. Oh,
Skidamarink a dink a dink, Skidamarink a doo, I love
you! I love you! you!

4 Study and do.

What Do Children Learn from English-Language Education?

◆ **Teaching objectives for preschool English**

To foster children's learning interest. To master basic vocabulary and simple expressions for communication. To cultivate good listening and speaking habits. To build up an initial sense of the language.

◆ **Specifically, we aim to achieve the following three objectives**

Emotional goals: To foster children's interest in learning English.

Knowledge goals: To master common vocabulary as well as listening and speaking skills.

Social goals: To cultivate children's ability to communicate in English.