

A Nowadays, students are under a lot of pressure to achieve high grades at school. **1) In my opinion**, this is not always a good thing.

B **2) Firstly**, aiming for high grades means that students opt for the easiest possible task. **3) For example**, they choose an easy book to read or do a project on something familiar to ensure they get good marks. **4) As a result**, being successful matters more than learning.

C **5) Secondly**, the quality of students' thinking is reduced. **6) For instance**, they just learn the basic information they need to pass an exam. **7) Therefore**, they may not understand the full meaning of the subject. **8) Also**, students fear failure. For example, they are afraid of failing their exams. **9) Consequently**, they may cheat in order to succeed.

D **10) However**, some people say high grades motivate students. For example, they study harder to get top marks. **11) Nevertheless**, it would be fairer to assess grades combined with constant class performance.

E **12) In conclusion**, **13) I believe** there is more to education than getting high marks. Although some believe that high grades motivate them, students tend to choose easier tasks and their thinking is reduced. To me, we should encourage learning for a deeper understanding of subjects.