

# Should Kids Spend More Time in School?

## Use the News

### Comprehension Check

Read each statement below. Some of the statements tell facts. Others tell opinions. Color the circle to show whether you think each statement tells a *fact* or an *opinion*.



- fact  opinion 1. The school day should be longer.
- fact  opinion 2. Many kids go to school between 175 and 180 days a year.
- fact  opinion 3. President Obama is in favor of adding days to the school year.
- fact  opinion 4. U.S. kids will do better on tests if they spend more time in school.
- fact  opinion 5. Some schools are experimenting with longer school days.
- fact  opinion 6. The best length for a school year is 200 days.
- fact  opinion 7. Kids need to spend more time in school if they are to be successful in life.
- fact  opinion 8. The 6-hour, 180-day school year is based on a time in history when many people worked on farms.

### Language Practice: Find the Mistake

Each statement below includes a mistake of grammar, word use, or spelling. Circle the mistake in each sentence.

1. Many people think the school day need to be longer.
2. Some people worry that taxpayers cant afford to pay for longer school days.
3. During the summer months, many farm kids help there families on the farm.
4. Kids who go to school 200 days a year does better on tests than kids who go to school 180 days.
5. Students in many countrys go to school more days than U.S. kids do.

### Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that best describes the *main idea* of this week's News for You story.

- Kids in Denmark spend 53 hours a week in school.
- Many people think it's time that kids spend more time in school.
- When many kids lived on farms, families needed them to help out.
- Some kids get out of school at 5:00 p.m.