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CAP	3 pts	8 pts	2 pts	3 pts	2 pts	2 pts

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By Melissa Checker

Today, kids find that the <u>amount</u> of homework they get keeps them from playing sports, taking music lessons or just having fun after school. A recent study by the University of Michigan reports that over the past 16 years, the amount of time the <u>average</u> 3 to 11-year-old kid spends on homework has increased by 50 percent. More and more parents are protesting against an overabundance of <u>at-home assignments</u>.

"The question is <u>whether</u> schools are holding our children captives with homework," said Ken Kiewra, professor of educational psychology. He realized one day last year that his sixth-grade son had <u>given up</u> music lessons, the soccer team and his favorite hobby because he was <u>loaded down with</u> homework. "I'm home reading the paper and relaxing and this kid who left in the morning before I did ...is doing two to three hours of work," remembered Kiewra.

In response, Kiewra wrote an article for the Lincoln newspaper. Although parents responded favorably to his article, the school refused to change their homework policies. Kiewra explained that, from the school's point of view, "Research confirms that doing homework is better than not doing homework." He added that pressure for students to perform well on standardized tests has led schools to pile on at-home assignments. All work and no play can make dull kids. "Kids need to play outside and exercise or take art or music classes if they want to," said. Ken Kiewra. "At the very least, they need fresh air."

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Vocabulary

amount : quantitéaverage : moyen

- **at-home assignements** : homework

whether : sigive up : stop

- **be loaded with** : être surchargé de

- **dull** : passif - peu éveillé

- pile on at-home assignements : augmenter sans cesse la quantité de travail à faire à la maison

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LISEZ ATTENTIVEMENT TOUT LE DOCUMENT

I - COMPREHENSION

	BEP	CAP
1 - Cochez la bonne réponse et justifiez, en anglais, à l'aide du texte.	1 pt	3 pts
a - This document is		
£ an advertisement £ an article		
£ an interview		
£ a short story		
Justification:		
b - The theme is		
£ kid's hobbies		
£ relations between parents and teachers		
£ homework		
£ homeless kids		
Justification:		
2 - Lisez attentivement les énoncés ci-dessous. Soulignez les erreurs dan	s chaque 8 pts	8 pts
énoncé, donnez la correction et justifiez en citant le texte.		
 a - A study made by the University of Michigan reveals that the an spent by children on their homework is less important than in the pare protesting. Correction: Justification: 	past, so parents	
b - Ken Kiewra realized one day that his son had more time to rela	x than himself.	
Correction:		
Justification:		
c - Ken Kiewra wrote an article for the Lincoln newspaper but he comport from the other parents.	didn't get any	
Correction:		
Justification:		
d - The school followed the parents' point of view on homework.		
Correction:		
Justification:		

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	BEP	CAP
3 - Répondez en français à la question suivante.	2 pts	2 pts
Pourquoi Ken Kiewra pense-t-il que le travail à la maison doit être réduit ? (donnez deux raisons)		
II - COMPETENCE LINGUISTIQUE		
4 - Lisez les phrases suivantes et mettez le verbe entre parenthèses à la forme qui	3 pts	3 pts
convient.		
a - If Kids had more homework they better on standardized tests (perform)		
b - He football last year because he had too much homework. (give up)		
c - Every day after school he two to three hours of work. (do)		
5 - Reconstituez chacune des phrases en mettant les éléments proposés dans l'ordre.	2 pts	2 pts
a - the amount / important / more / is / of / homework / today / in the past / than		
b - do / homework / on / of / spending / time / lot / like / a / not / children.		
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III - EXPRESSION ECRITE

	BEP	CAP
6 - Rédigez en anglais un paragraphe de soixante mots environ dans lequel vous	4 pts	2 pts
répondrez aux questions suivantes :		
How much free time do you have after school or work?		
What do you do during your free time?		
What would you do if you had more free time?		

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