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2011 IB Student Survey

**(~1,100 worldwide student
responses)**





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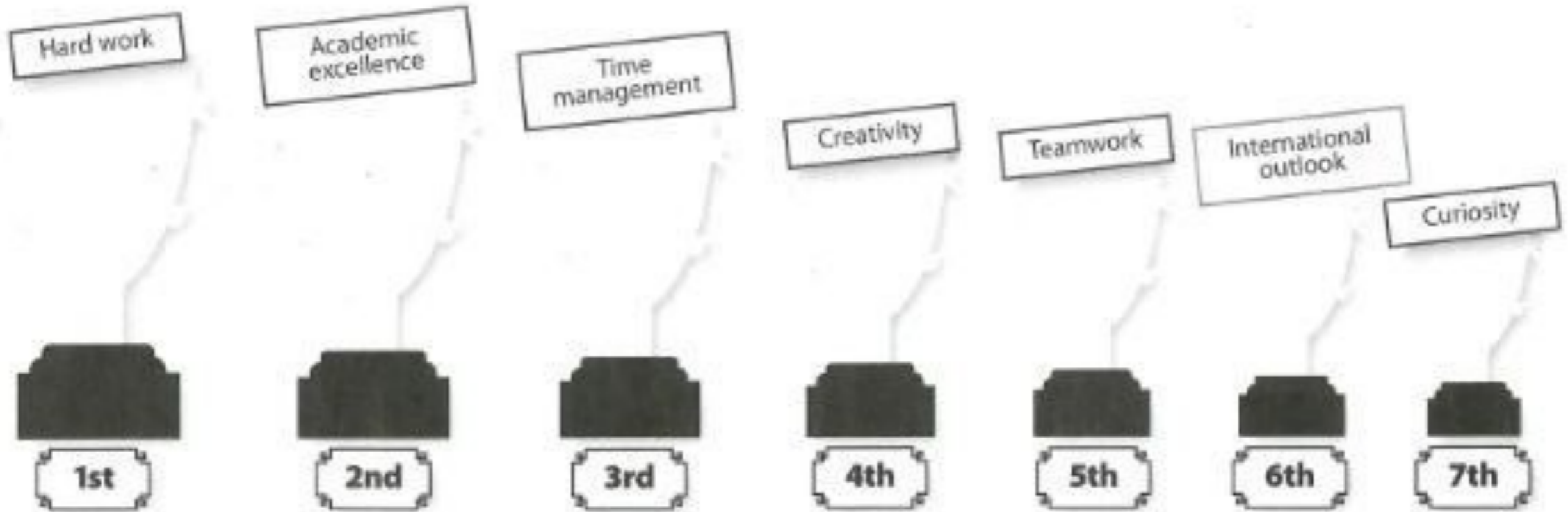
Which word best describes the IB programme you are currently studying?





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What are the most important qualities for an IB student?



What are the best and worst aspects of being an IB student?



BEST

International perspective
Wide range of subjects
Independence
Responsibility
International reputation
Creativity
Great teachers
Like-minded peers
CAS
Critical thinking
Language opportunities



WORST

Heavy workload
Too many assessments
Subjects you don't like
Fewer subject options
TOK
Setting targets too often
Not many schools offer it
Too much reflection
Impacts on social life
Highly pressured

A snapshot of student comments

"The IB has not only taught me how to study books, but also life"
"Your IB class becomes your family"
"It enhances your creativity and doesn't make robots out of students"

"The work can sometimes get on top of you"
"All the reflections and targets can get boring"
"Doing subjects you're no good at and getting bad marks is the worst aspect"





Which trait in the IB learner profile do you consider the most relevant to your own life? (Question also open to PYP students)





What's the biggest difference between the IB and the national curriculum in your country?

The IB does not just attempt to stuff facts into a student's mind; it invigorates a love for the subject and a deep intellectual understanding

You are taught how to be a better person rather than purely improving your academic skills

It gives us a chance to go to universities around the world

It is more open-minded

By meeting more international students, you understand how to act with different people

In IB, you get the chance to learn for yourself without having to try to remember pages and pages of books

You are surrounded by like-minded peers who love learning as much as you do. We embrace the 'nerd'

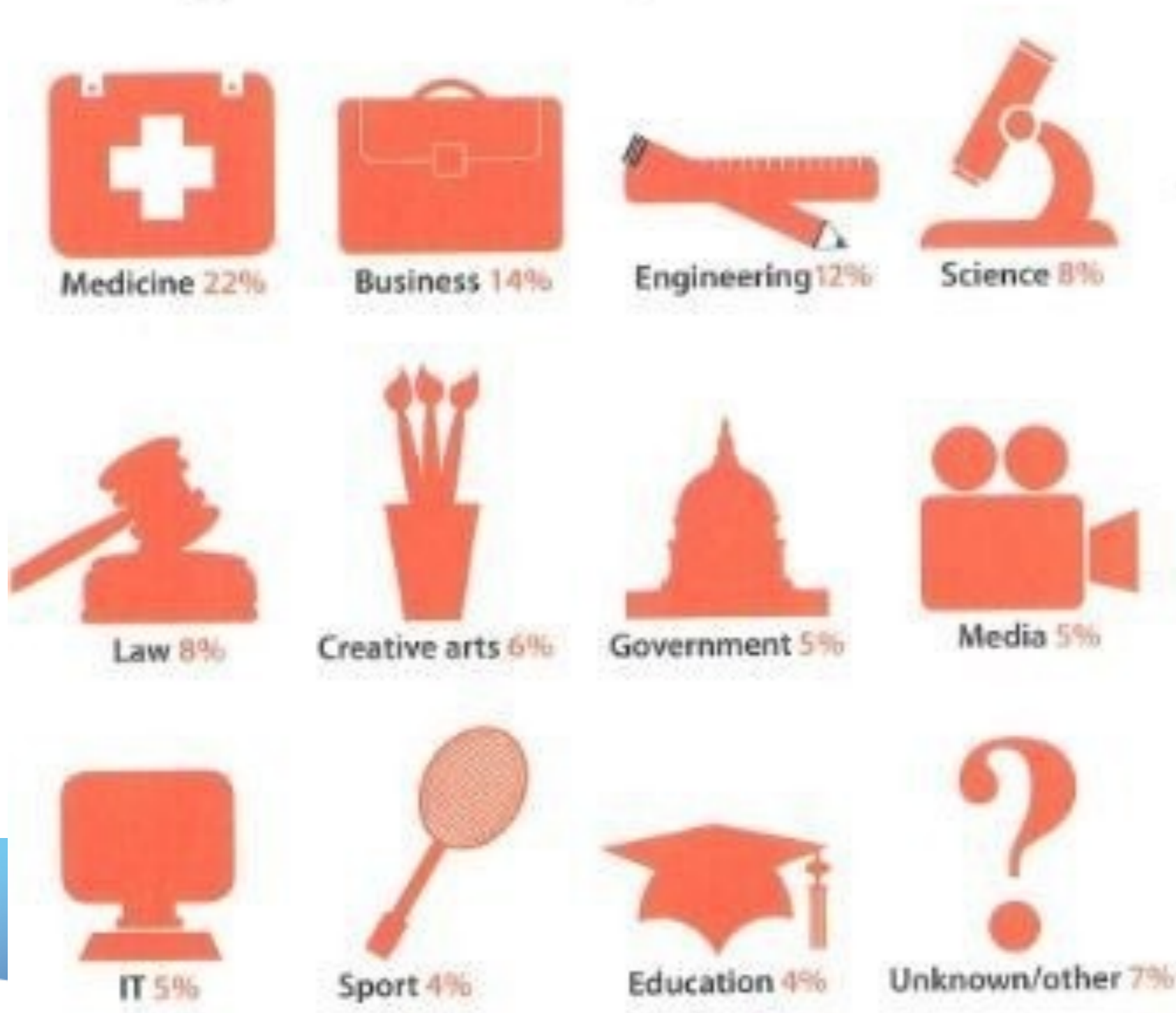
Teachers make you look for answers instead of giving you the answers straight away

A more mature relationship develops between IB students and teachers

More tests

If you fail one subject then you fail everything

What type of career would you like to pursue after leaving school?



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- "Open my own reptile rescue and conservation centre"
- "Prime Minister of England"
- "Invent a renewable fuel"
- "Dog handler"
- "Be part of Greenpeace"
- "IB History teacher"
- "Cartographer"
- "World domination"
- "Anything in jazz music"