

“School’s Lesson Plan: No More Homework”

Students never did it; now it’s no problem

Vocabulary

diligently

“Junior high students at the Marya Yates School in Matteson simply had too many crushes to attend to, Web sites to surf, and television shows to watch in order to sit **diligently** at their kitchen tables and crank out homework.”

diligently

- Working definition: in a manner involving great or constant activity
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UnXySiyhVk>

virtually

“They **virtually** eliminated homework.”

virtually

- Working Definition: almost entirely, nearly

virtually

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eliminated

“They virtually **eliminated** homework.”

eliminated

- Working definition: completely remove or get rid of

eliminated

- Obama got Osama t-shirt



consulted

“The shift in policy began after Principal Lucille Adams Johnson **consulted** with teachers a few years ago about why so many students were earning C’s when tests and quizzes showed they had command of the material.”

consulted

- Working definition: asked advice from



evolved

“As the policy has **evolved**, homework at Marya Yates now accounts for only 10 percent of grades, with some teachers making it as small as factor as possible.”

evolved

- Working Definition: developed, achieved gradually



"Monorail cat has evolved."

flexibility

“But education experts are divided on the wisdom of adapting to the desires of junior high students, with some praising that **flexibility** and others noting that being able to study on one’s own becomes crucial in high school and beyond.”

flexibility

- Working Definition: willingness to change, compromise, work with others to meet their needs

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by Denise Chow, SPACE.com Staff Writer

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crucial

“But education experts are divided on the wisdom of adapting to the desires of junior high students, with some praising that flexibility and others noting that being able to study on one’s own becomes **crucial** in high school and beyond.”

crucial

- Working Definition: needed; important; necessary

crucial

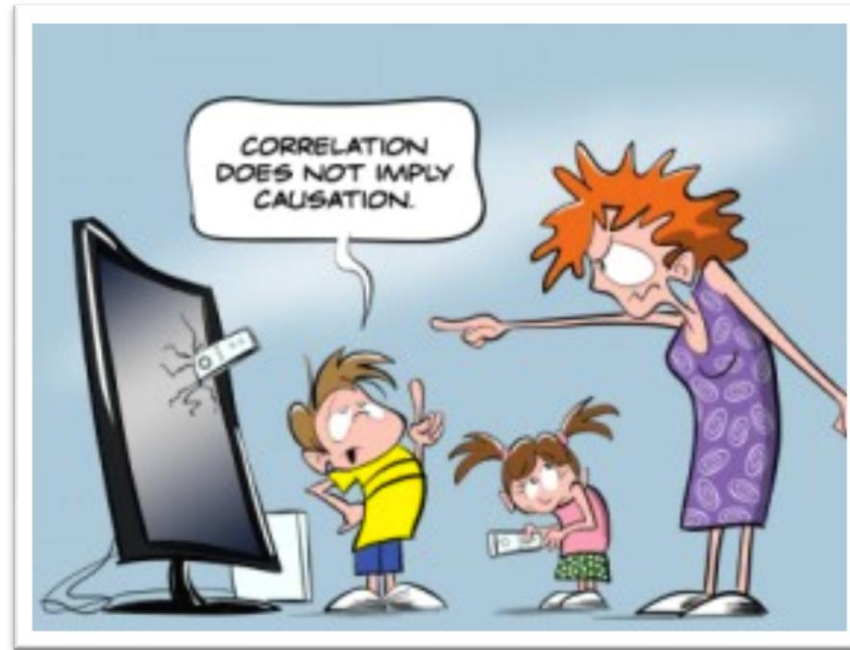


correlation

“Cooper said there is only a modest **correlation** between homework completion and academic success for middle school children, but the connection between the two becomes much stronger in high school.”

correlation

- Working definition: relationship; mutual relation of two or more things



“Correlation does not imply causation.”

adequately

“Adams Johnson said that from every indication she has, her students are more than adequately prepared for high school.”

adequately

- Working Definition: sufficient to meet a need

