



Attendance at school

is **90%**
success or failure?

Simon is currently in Year 8 and Lisa is in Year 10, their attendance rates at school are always around 90%.

They think this is pretty good!

90% attendance for Simon = 20 days absence

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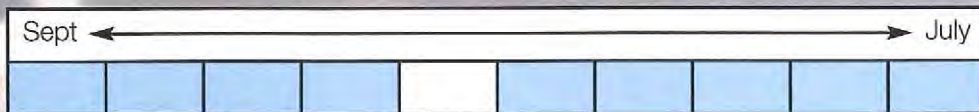
Absent half a day every week

90% attendance means that Simon is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half-day every week**.

87% attendance for Lisa = 25 days absence

- Two weeks – annual holiday (10 days).
- Five days – the flu.
- One day – birthday treat.
- Three days – orthodontist appointments for braces (three appointments).
- One day – coursework catch up.
- Two days – as a result of being late to school and missing registration on three mornings and one afternoon.
- One day – taken off at the end of term to go Christmas shopping.
- Two days unauthorised absence – for which no note has been received.

In Year 7, Simon's 90% attendance rate means that he missed the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in the school year.



Absent for four weeks

In Year 9, Lisa's attendance rate last year was 87%, which means that she missed the equivalent of **five weeks** of lessons in the school year.



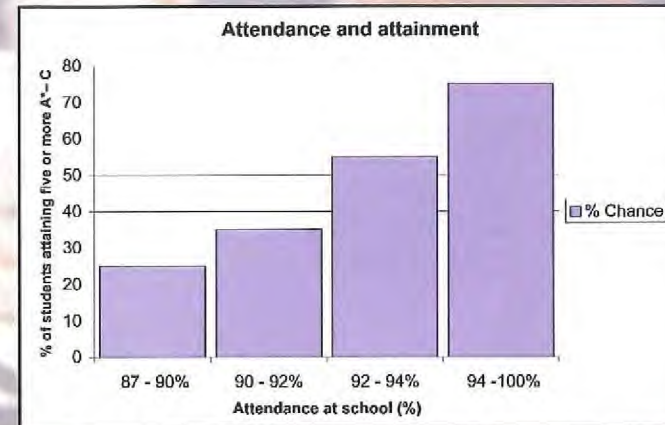
Absent for five weeks

If Simon continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over five years he will miss the equivalent of about **one-half of a school year**.

	Sept									July
Year 7										
Year 8										
Year 9		Half a year absent from school								
Year 10										
Year 11										

Lisa's attendance has improved from 87% to 90% this year, what impact will this have?

Do you think a 90% attendance rate will affect Simon and Lisa's chances of doing well in school?



Based on national figures, did you know that ...

75% of students with attendance rates of 94% and above achieve at least five or more A*– C grades at GCSE.

At 90% attendance, students have only a 35% chance of five or more A*– C grades at GCSE.

What does your child's attendance figures mean as learning time lost?

Attendance rate	Approx days absence by the end of the year	School time missed by the end of Year 11
100%	0	0
95%	10	1/4 of a year
90%	20	1/2 of a year
85%	30	3/4 of a year
80%	40	One whole year

Is your child's attendance rate affecting their performance in school?

Clocked in at work today?

Please remember:

- try to make dental/doctors' appointments outside of school hours
- make sure your child registers promptly and is safe. A late mark is an absence after registration has closed
- repeated lateness is classed as truancy, say the courts
- don't book holidays in term time. Many holiday companies will offer cheap deals during the school holidays if you book early
- the first and last days and weeks of terms are important, both socially and academically
- missing the odd day can become a habit, which would not be accepted in the workforce
- your child only has one chance at school. Help them make the most of it.

... Every day counts!

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