

Education at home

About 4000 families (1) _____ their children at home, and they (2) _____ very (3) _____ . One example is the Tanner family from Hertfordshire. Eve Tanner, 27, and her 29 year old husband James (4) _____ their children to school. The Tanner children, six-year-old Stephen and eight year old Jason, study at home with their mother. They (5) _____ a bright, comfortable study in their home. All around there are (6) _____ books and the children's paintings are on the wall. James says, "Both Eve and I think we (7) _____ nothing from school - only a diploma. We (8) _____ no fun at all; in fact, everything was (9) _____."

Some parents who are teaching their children at home have a study programme, but the Tanners don't. Eve says, "The children love books. They read all sorts of things. And, of course, we read story books together. I teach them writing and mathematics, too. They write shopping lists for me. Then they go (10) _____ shopping with me and pay for the things we buy."

Eve and James take their children to the library, to museums, to concerts, to swimming pools and to gymnastics. They think these activities are very important. What (11) _____ friends _____? Eve says, "Most of (12) _____ are very (13) _____. Some friends (14) _____ about teaching their children at home."