We don't need no education ... or do we?
The children who sang on Another Brick in the Wall by the British group Pink Floyd have changed their tune since 1979. 25 years later, they tried to take the group to court because of unpaid royalties.
The song, which was a number 1 in the UK and abroad, was an attack on school and education and it had the famous chorus, "We don't need no education, we don't need no thought control ... teacher, leave those kids alone!" The chorus was sung by thirteen schoolchildren from Islington Green School in London, who were taken to the Britannia Row record studios to sing on the recording by their music teacher. They never met the group and were not paid for their work. When the head of the school heard the song with its anti-school lyrics, she banned the children from receiving any publicity or from appearing on TV.

Peter Rowan, a royalty expert from Edinburgh, spent two years trying to find the children, then adults, and he intended to help them make a legal claim for royalties. Mr Rowan said, "They probably won't get more than a few hundred pounds each, but this is about recognition. They deserve to have their work recognized even if it has taken 25 years."

Ian Abbot, 40, was one of the children who sang on the record. He said, "Now I don't agree that We don't need no education. Education is so important. I really regret that I didn't study more at school. I would like to go to university now and get a degree. But work gets in the way when you get older. Sometimes I say to my nieces, "You must study harder," and they say, "But why? Look at what you sang on that song"." Mirabai Narayan, another one of the children, now works as a teacher herself. She said, "I sometimes wonder if the song influenced my career. My job now is to help kids with learning difficulties."

Read the article and mark the sentences T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn’t say). Correct the false ones.

1. Another Brick in the Wall was also successful outside the UK. ________
2. The children got a little money for singing on the record. ________
3. The music teacher was a friend of the group Pink Floyd. ________
4. The head of the school wasn’t happy about the song. ________
5. Peter Rowan was one of the thirteen children. ________
6. He thinks the children will get a lot of money. ________
7. Ian Abbot is sorry that he didn’t work harder at school. ________
8. He doesn’t have any children of his own. ________
9. Mirabai Narayan is sure the song made her become a teacher. ________