

### 3. Comprehension Check

Check if the following statements are true or false. Refer to the line in the text where you found the information. Correct the statement if you tick "false".

	true	false
1. The Swiss generally have good results in international education rankings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Less than half of the 15 to 19 year olds go for an apprenticeship in Switzerland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The number of people applying for an apprenticeship in England is decreasing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The average duration of an apprenticeship in Switzerland is between 3 and 4 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. In England one of the greatest worries of potential employers is that apprentices will leave the business after their training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. According to Alison Fuller (University of Southampton, Education Department) the Swiss way is perfect.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 4. Comprehension Check II

Write questions that provide these answers. Do not copy from the article. Use your own words.

- \_\_\_\_\_ ? 21.9 %
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? 6 %
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? £ 9.000,-
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? 53 %
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? 45 %
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? 98 %
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? 57 %
- \_\_\_\_\_ ? 230

## 5. Beyond the text

Starting from paragraph 6 the text provides a lot of information about apprenticeships in Switzerland. Use the language provided in the text to write a little explanation of the Austrian dual system of apprenticeship.

## 6. Synonyms

Replace the underlined words and phrases with synonyms:

1. a thick, spiral-bound document crammed with (...) programming language.
2. (...) not bad for a young man who admits he “didn’t really enjoy studying at school.”
3. The country consistently scores well in world education rankings.
4. (...) rising tuition fees (...)
5. Wagner says he chose an apprenticeship (...) because (...)
6. Apprenticeship programmes in Switzerland typically last three to four years.

## 7. Opposites

Find the opposites for these words taken from the text:

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rising	
employable	
mandatory	
practical	
perfect	
available	