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Literacy levels have stayed the same since 2005

According to a recent Ofsted report, literacy levels have stayed the same in England since 2005. Although levels in the UK are not bad, the idea that we are not making progress as a country is worrying. According to Wikipedia the UK is 44th in the world literacy rates list, with a literacy rate of 99.0%. Being a wealthy country in the west, most people would have hoped we would be in at least the top 10, but we are being overtaken by countries like Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Albania.



In November 2010 80% of 11 year olds achieved level 4 in English, (the expected government rate). This is 85% of girls and 75% of boys. However reading levels were higher with 86% achieving the government expected level.

Last year 82% achieved level 4. This is a slight rise on 2010, but now rates have stalled and the UK is falling behind other leading countries.

So what can be done to stop us falling behind? A problem may be a lack in interest in literacy among children. So how can we engage more children in this? Many programs could be used to help get children involved in reading and writing. BBC School Report has helped us to get involved and find interest in these subjects, so could similar schemes be used to help younger children?

