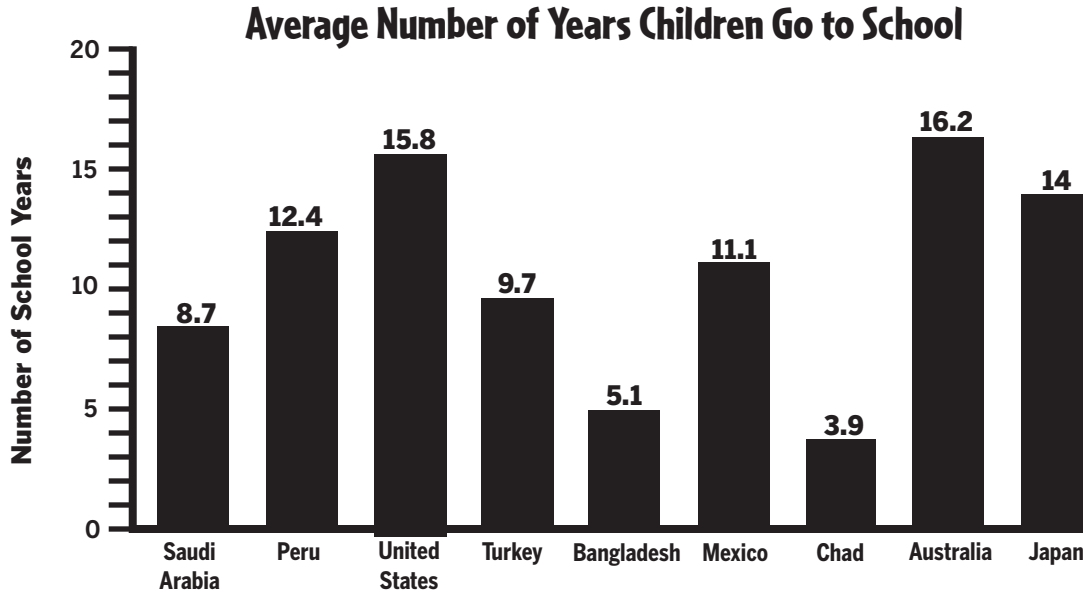


SCHOOL YEARS AROUND THE WORLD



The number of years that children are expected to go to school varies from country to country. The graph below shows the average number of years students attend school in some countries around the world. Read the graph. Then answer the questions and fill in the blanks.



SOURCE: UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) & INTERNATIONAL LITERACY INSTITUTE

- In which country do children go to school for the least number of years? _____
- True or false? Children in the U.S. go to school for the greatest number of years. _____
- Fill in the blank: Children in _____, our neighbor to the south, go to school for about 11 years.
- Bangladesh is a country in southern Asia. What is the average number of years that students in Bangladesh go to school? _____
- In which two countries do children go to school for the least number of years?

- In which three countries do children go to school for the greatest number of years?

- Why do you think the number of years children go to school is different around the world?

BONUS The number of days in school years around the world is also different. How many days are in your school year? How many days are in two years of school? Five years? Show your work on the back of this page.