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**EXERCISE 2**

According to recent research, educational standard of the school in Spain has been descending during years. This is a very concerning result not only for the schools involved but for all educational community (students, teachers, parents, authorities), that is to say, for the society on the whole.

First of all, it is convenient to precise and delimitate the concept “educational standards” which includes several aspects such a class behavior of the students, specific knowledge on different matters (mathematics, language, foreing language, etc), facilities availables by the users, or even the management of the school as an organization (teachers, budget, resources, etc). Naturally, the standards of the aspects mentioned differ ones to the others considering every particular school. For instance, in a public school the number of students in each class is used to be higher than in a private school and that affect negatively to the educational standards.

Focusing on knowledge of the students, which is perhaps the most concerning for the society, there are two fields where the students clearly need to improve theirs performances: mathematics and English as a foreing language. For the first one, the best strategy to tackle the matter is that hiring more teachers and dedicating more time to explain; for the second one, there is important to increase the exchanges between the Spanish schools and schools abroad. At the same time, parents can help a lot simply keeping in touch with the educational responsibles and overseeing theirs children.

To sum up, in my view education, besides health, is key issue for everyone and the future of the country depends of the successful education of the young. In consequence, all should improve our schools. A good way to achieve that is supporting public education.