

Education and Learning Vocabulary in English

Level: B1

Talk about school, university and studying with 26 useful words. Read each short meaning and the example, listen, and then practise in the exercises. These words help you describe your studies, your exams and the way you learn.

Studying at university

degree	A university qualification you get after years of study.	She has a degree in biology.
subject	An area of study, such as maths or history.	My favourite subject at school was history.
course	A series of lessons about one subject.	I have been taking a course in design since September.
lecture	A talk to a large group of students.	The lecture lasted two hours, and I was very tired.
lecturer	A teacher at a university.	Our lecturer gives us a lot of reading.
campus	The land and buildings of a university.	Many students live on campus in their first year.
scholarship	Money that helps you pay for your studies.	He won a scholarship , so he did not pay for his studies.
semester	Half of the school or university year.	The first semester starts in September.

Work and results

assignment	A piece of work a teacher asks you to do.	I have finished my assignment , but I have not sent it yet.
deadline	The last day or time to finish something.	The deadline is Friday, so I must hurry.
essay	A piece of writing about one topic.	She wrote a long essay about her country.
exam	A formal test of what you know.	I have an exam tomorrow, so I am studying tonight.
grade	A letter or number that shows how good your work is.	He got a good grade because he had worked hard.
certificate	A paper that shows you finished a course.	After the course, I received a certificate .
feedback	Comments that tell you what is good or bad in your work.	The teacher's feedback helped me to write better.
research	Careful study to find new information.	She is doing research on sleep and memory.

Learning actions

revise	Study again before a test.	I always revise for one week before an exam.
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memorise	Learn something so well that you remember it exactly.	It is hard to memorise so many new words.
pass	Succeed in an exam or test.	I hope I pass the exam this time.
fail	Not succeed in an exam or test.	Many students fail this exam the first time.
graduate	Finish your studies at a university and get a degree.	She will graduate next June.
attend	Go to a class, lesson or meeting.	I attend English classes every Tuesday.
enrol	Join a course or school in a formal way.	I want to enrol in a music course.
improve	Become better, or make something better.	I want to improve my writing.
concentrate	Give all your attention to one thing.	It is difficult to concentrate when it is noisy.
drop out	Leave a course before you finish it.	He had to drop out of university because he needed money.

Exercise 1: Match the word and meaning

Match each English word with its meaning.

1. degree → _____
2. lecture → _____
3. scholarship → _____
4. deadline → _____
5. revise → _____
6. drop out → _____

A talk to a large group of students. A university qualification you get after years of study. Leave a course before you finish it. Money that helps you pay for your studies. Study again before a test. The last day or time to finish something.

Exercise 2: Choose the right word

Choose the best answer for each question.

7. Which word means the last day to hand in your work?
a) deadline b) semester c) grade
8. Which word means money that helps you pay for university?
a) certificate b) scholarship c) feedback
9. Maria studied biology for four years. What does she have now?
a) a deadline b) a semester c) a degree
10. Who teaches students at a university?
a) a campus b) a lecturer c) a subject

11. Which verb means to study again before a test?
a) enrol b) attend c) revise
12. Tom did not study, and the exam was very hard. What happened?
a) He passed. b) He failed. c) He graduated.
13. Which word means comments about your work?
a) research b) feedback c) essay
14. You want to join a course officially. What do you do?
a) drop out b) memorise c) enrol

Exercise 3: Complete the sentence

Type the missing word.

15. I have an ___ on Monday, so I must study this weekend. (A formal test.)
16. She wrote a long ___ about her country for her history class. (A piece of writing about one topic.)
17. I always ___ for one week before an exam. (Study again.)
18. He studied hard, so he ___ the exam. (He was successful. Use the past.)
19. She will ___ from university next June and look for a job. (She will finish her degree.)
20. I could not ___ in class because it was very noisy. (Give your attention.)
21. I got a good ___ for my essay: an A. (A letter that shows how good your work is.)
22. The ___ is on Friday, so I need to finish my work today. (The last day to finish.)
23. I am not used to long ___ yet. They last two hours. (Long talks at university. Use the plural.)

Answer key

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Exercise 2: Choose the right word

7. a) deadline
8. b) scholarship
9. c) a degree
10. b) a lecturer
11. c) revise
12. b) He failed.
13. b) feedback
14. c) enrol

Exercise 3: Complete the sentence

15. exam
16. essay
17. revise / study / review
18. passed
19. graduate
20. concentrate / focus
21. grade / mark
22. deadline
23. lectures / classes / lessons