

Reading Part 5 - B1

Steven Spielberg *The famous Hollywood director of films such as Jurassic Park and Ready Player One wasn't the best student.*

Many people consider doing well at school is an important part of having a successful career. However, that wasn't true in Steven Spielberg's

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As a child, Steven showed (2)..... interest in his studies. But he was interested in film and began using his father's movie camera to record family (3)..... By the age of 12, he'd made his first movie.

Steven's poor grades in high school (4)..... him from entering the University of Southern California's film programme. However, he was (5)..... at California State University but didn't complete the course. Instead, he worked at the world-famous Universal Studios and soon became one of Hollywood's best-known directors.

Over 34 years after leaving college, Steven finally attended his university graduation (6)..... He'd decided to complete his studies because his children kept asking why they should go to college when he hadn't. Steven says, 'I thought I'd better get that degree and get it fast, so I did.'



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| 1 | A fact | B condition | C case | D position |
| 2 | A few | B small | C low | D little |
| 3 | A situations | B events | C actions | D developments |
| 4 | A refused | B avoided | C limited | D prevented |
| 5 | A accepted | B gained | C allowed | D entered |
| 6 | A custom | B ceremony | C occasion | D anniversary |

- 3 Work in pairs. Do you think it's important to get a college or university qualification? Why? / Why not?
- 4 Do you think there are any advantages to studying later in life? What are the disadvantages?