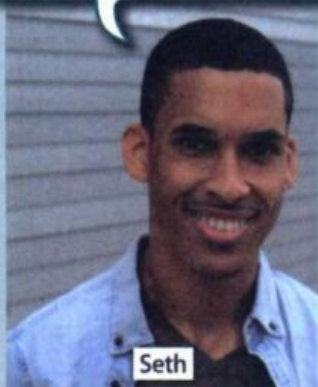


68 University

A A university degree

I started university two years ago when I was nineteen, and I'm **doing a degree** in Spanish and French. The **course lasts** four years, and there are three **terms** a year. I work in the **library** a lot because I have to **write** lots of **essays**. I also have to take exams, and last term I failed one and had to take it **again**. I got the result two weeks ago – **fortunately** I passed this time. When I've got my degree, I want to **do research**.



Seth

GLOSSARY

do a degree (in sth)	study a subject or subjects at university. You do a degree in a subject.
course	a number of classes on a subject, e.g. an English course
term	a period of study, usually about ten weeks
library	a place where you can read and borrow books (Be careful: a bookshop is a place where you buy books.)
write an essay	do a piece of writing on a subject
again	one more time
fortunately	We say fortunately when we start talking about sth good. OPP unfortunately
do research	study a subject for a long time (usually after a first degree) to learn new information about it

SPOTLIGHT *How long does it last? / How long does it take?*

Last means 'continue for a period of time'.

- A university term **lasts** ten weeks.
- My French course **lasts** a year.

We use **take** (often with *it*) to talk about how long we need to do something.

- **It took me** three years to do my research.
- **He took** two days to write the essay. **It took him** two days to write the essay.

1 Circle the correct word.

- ▶ She did an English course / term.
- 1 I want to **do** / **make** a degree in maths.
- 2 A **term** / **degree** lasts about ten weeks.
- 3 I have to **learn** / **write** essays.
- 4 Most lessons **take** / **last** an hour.
- 5 I study a lot in the **library** / **bookshop**.
- 6 I want to **do** / **make** some research.
- 7 **Fortunately** / **Unfortunately**, I failed the exam.
- 8 **Before** / **After** a degree, some people do research.
- 9 It **takes** / **lasts** a long time to do a degree.

2 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ How long does the term last ? ~ About twelve weeks.
- 1 Are you doing a _____ ? ~ Yes, _____ Medicine.
- 2 Are you planning to do _____ ? ~ Yes, when I've got my first degree.
- 3 Did he get his exam results? ~ Yes, _____ he passed.
- 4 Can he take the exam _____ if he fails the first time? ~ Yes, in September.
- 5 Did she have to write an _____ ? ~ Yes, and it _____ her a long time.
- 6 How long does the course _____ ? ~ It's only one term.
- 7 Did you buy that new dictionary? ~ Yes, I got it in the college _____.
- 8 Did Miriam pass all her exams? ~ No, _____ she failed two subjects.

3 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 How long do you need to study for a degree in Medicine? _____
- 2 What percentage of young people do a degree? _____
- 3 Do many students go on and do research? _____
- 4 How long does a university term last? _____
- 5 If you fail your exams, can you always take them again? _____



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B University subjects and people

	Degree Subject	Person
1	medicine	a doctor
2	architecture	an architect
3	engineering	an engineer
4	law	a lawyer
5	business studies	a businessman/woman
6	journalism	a journalist OR a reporter
7	computer science	e.g. software designer, IT manager



SPOTLIGHT teacher, lecturer, professor

A **teacher** is a person who teaches for a job, usually in a school (NOT a professor). In the UK, a person who teaches in a university is a **lecturer**, and they give **lectures** (NOT lessons). A **professor** in a university is a lecturer of the highest level.



- 4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D.
Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

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| ► design / <u>medic</u> ine | <u>D</u> | 4 computer / <u>w</u> oman | |
| 1 <u>l</u> aw / <u>f</u> our | | 5 <u>l</u> awyer / <u>b</u> oy | |
| 2 co <u>m</u> puter / <u>d</u> octor | | 6 sc <u>i</u> ence / <u>d</u> esign | |
| 3 bu <u>s</u> iness / <u>j</u> ournalist | | 7 tea <u>c</u> her / <u>a</u> rchitect | |

- 5 Complete the sentences. Use the word on the right to help you.

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| ► He always wanted to be a <u>teacher</u> | TEACHING |
| 1 She wants to be a | MEDICINE |
| 2 When did Tom become an | ENGINEERING |
| 3 Emily is studying to become an | ARCHITECTURE |
| 4 My sister is a | LAW |
| 5 Edward now works as a | LECTURE |
| 6 After his degree he became a software | DESIGN |
| 7 Is it difficult to become a | JOURNALISM |
| 8 I knew he'd become a | BUSINESS STUDIES |

- 6 Complete the words in the sentences.

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| ► He wants to be a hospital <u>doctor</u> | 6 My degree was in b..... studies. |
| 1 My uncle is a university p..... | 7 I studied journalism to be a r..... |
| 2 It's not easy to get a place to study l..... | 8 I enjoyed my e..... degree. |
| 3 My friend got a job as an IT m..... | 9 She wants to do computer s..... |
| 4 He's a j..... for a national paper. | 10 She's a b..... now. She works |
| 5 I don't go to all my university l..... | for a large company. |

- 7 **ABOUT YOU** Take six jobs from this unit and put them in order from 1) a job I would like, to 6) a job I would not like. If possible, talk to another student.



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