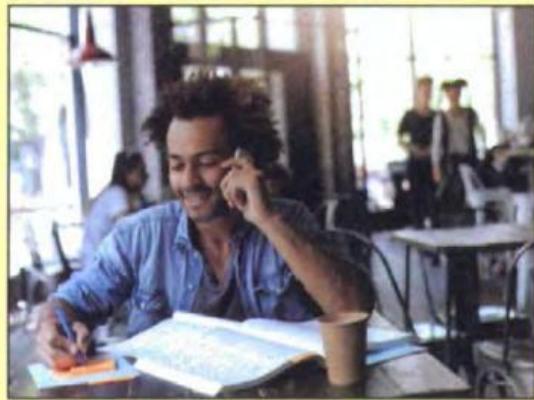


## University life in Britain

- In Britain, many university students live **away from home**. This gives them more **freedom** and the opportunity to meet lots of new people, but can also be difficult for some students who **are not used to being on their own** and have never learnt to cook for themselves or even **iron** their clothes. In their first year, most students choose to live in student **accommodation**, which is sometimes on **campus**. After that, they **tend to rent** a flat or house with other students.
- Part of student life is about understanding the **importance of managing** your money carefully: **tuition fees**, **loans** you may have **taken out**, money for food, and **payments** you have to **make** for your living costs, for electricity, etc. **For this reason**, many students find **part-time jobs**.
- At university**, you can often choose when you want to study, but you need to attend lectures, do **your assignments on time**, and plan your **revision** period before exams.

iron *n, v*

### GLOSSARY

<b>away from somewhere</b>	in a different place: <i>away from home/school</i>	<b>fee</b>	money you pay for the professional advice or service of a doctor, lawyer, etc. University students pay <b>tuition fees</b> for their teaching.
<b>freedom</b>	the right or ability to say or do what you want	<b>loan</b>	a sum of money that sb borrows, usually from a bank <b>take out a loan</b> arrange to borrow money from a bank
<b>on my/your, etc. own accommodation</b>	SYN <b>by yourself / alone</b>	<b>payment</b>	the act of paying sb: <b>make a payment</b>
<b>campus</b>	a place to stay or live	<b>for this/that reason</b>	because of this/that
	the buildings of a university or college and the lands around them	<b>part-time job</b>	work for only a part of the day or week OPP <b>full-time job</b>
	<b>on campus</b> in the main university area	<b>at university</b>	If you are <b>at university</b> (without <i>the</i> ), you are studying at a university. ALSO <b>at school</b>
<b>tend (to do sth)</b>	usually do or be sth	<b>assignment</b>	a job or piece of work that sb is given to do
<b>rent</b>	pay to stay in a place or use sth that doesn't belong to you: <b>rent a flat/car</b>	<b>on time</b>	not late or early; at the correct time
<b>importance (of sth / of doing sth) [U]</b>	<b>rent n</b>	<b>revision</b>	the process of studying sth again, often to prepare for an exam <b>revise (for sth) v</b>
<b>manage</b>	be in control of sth		

### SPOTLIGHT *be used to (doing) sth* and *be accustomed to (doing) sth*

If you **are used to (doing) something**, you know it well because you have seen, heard, done, etc. it a lot. **Be accustomed to (doing) something** is a synonym, but less common and more formal.

- I live in England so I'm **used to** bad weather.
- My brother doesn't have a car so he is **used to** walking.
- I live with my family so I'm **not used to** cooking for myself.

Don't confuse this structure with **used to** + infinitive, which is for talking about something that you did in the past but don't do now.

- I **used to be** in the army, but I'm a teacher now.

1 Write the words in the box in the correct column, according to the underlined sound. Use the  to help you. Practise saying the words.

university ✓ revise	campus importance	tuition assignment	fees accommodation	accustomed reason
<u>see</u>		<u>shoe</u>		<u>zoo</u>
<u>university</u>				

2 Replace the underlined word/phrase with another word/phrase that has a similar meaning.

- I did several pieces of work each term. assignments .....
- 1 I'm not really accustomed to getting up early. .....
- 2 I've never lived on my own. .....
- 3 I washed my shirt but now I need to press an iron across it to make it look good. .....
- 4 I liked the place where I stayed. It was cheap and convenient. .....
- 5 I had to borrow money from the bank. .....
- 6 The university was a long way from home and because of this I decided not to go. .....
- 7 Restaurants are expensive for students, so I usually eat at home. .....
- 8 Have you seen the university buildings and land around it yet? .....

3 One word or part of a word is missing in each sentence. What is it and where does it go?

- She / used to studying by herself. is .....
- 1 I took a part job during the summer. .....
- 2 I understand the importance revision. .....
- 3 I always try to arrive time. .....
- 4 I was away home for two months. .....
- 5 I'm not used studying hard. .....
- 6 I don't go there my own. .....
- 7 I have two brothers university. .....
- 8 I tend study better in the mornings. .....
- 9 Could you these trousers for me? .....

4 Complete the sentences with words and phrases from the box.

revision importance	on time freedom	for this reason ✓ tend	manage rent	payment take out
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- University can be very expensive. For this reason ..... I decided not to go.
- 1 I decided to ..... a flat with some friends in my second year.
- 2 The owner of our flat asked us to make a large ..... before we could move in.
- 3 Fortunately, the train was ..... , so I wasn't late for my lecture.
- 4 I ..... to work in the library in the afternoon until about 5 p.m.
- 5 Do lots of ..... before the exam.
- 6 I don't know how to ..... my money. I've never had to do it.
- 7 Do you think university students have too much ..... , or is it good for them?
- 8 I had to ..... loans when I was at university.
- 9 Ariana doesn't really understand the ..... of giving your essays in on time.

5 Complete the questions.

- 1 Do students usually live **► at** ..... home, or a ..... from home? .....
- 2 Do most students choose to live in student a ..... ? .....
- 3 Do they live on c ..... or in the town? .....
- 4 Do they have to pay tuition f ..... ? .....
- 5 Do many have to take out l ..... to pay the bills? .....
- 6 Do they often get p ..... -t ..... jobs to help pay the bills? .....
- 7 Are students u ..... to working on their own? .....

#### ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY

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6 **ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY** Based on universities in your country, write your answers to Exercise 5, or ask another student.

