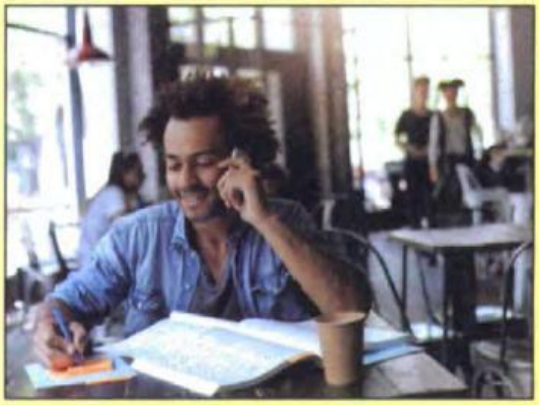
76 Student life

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.





GLOSSARY

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

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** walk**ing**.*
- *I live with my family so I'**m not used to** cook**ing** 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.*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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

university ✓	campus	tuition	fees	accustomed
revise	importance	assignment	accommodation	reason

see	shoe	zoo
university		

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	on time	for this reason ✓	manage	payment
importance	freedom	tend	rent	take out

▶ 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.** ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY

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? .....

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

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS