

VOCABULARY Subjects

A Look at the pictures and complete the subjects with vowels (a, e, i, o, u).



1 Chemistry



2 Geography



3 Law



4 Maths



5 Medicine



6 Biology

B Match the subjects in the box with the definitions.

Engineering
Literature

History
Marketing

IT
PE

- 1 You study how to sell things. *Marketing*
- 2 You read books and talk about them.
- 3 You learn about computers.
- 4 You do sports.
- 5 You learn about making machines, roads and bridges.
- 6 You study about life in the past.

C Cross out the word which doesn't belong in each group.

- 1 Arts: Literature History IT
- 2 School subjects: Maths Geography Medicine
- 3 Sciences: Literature Chemistry Biology

PRONUNCIATION *are*

A 6.1 Listen to the sentences. Write the missing words.

- 1 How *are* you?
- 2 working?
- 3 you studying?
- 4 What they in?
- 5 hungry?
- 6 you staying?

B Listen again and repeat the sentences. In which of the sentences is 'are' pronounced in weak form, with the schwa sound, /ə/?

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

How's the course going?

A Match the words in the box to their opposites. Which two words don't have opposites?

bad	boring	difficult	easy
friendly	good	interesting	nice

bad
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B Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets in the correct place.

- 1 It's interesting. (very) *It's very interesting.*
- 2 I like the teacher. (don't)
- 3 It's difficult. (quite)
- 4 She's very well. (not)
- 5 The other students are friendly. (really)
- 6 I did well in my exams. (very)

C Complete the dialogues with the correct words.

Hassan: How's the course ¹ **being / going**?
 Brendan: Really well. I'm really ² **like / enjoying** it.
 Hassan: What's good about it?
 Brendan: Well, the teacher is very ³ **good / well**. I really like her. And the other students are very friendly.
 Hassan: Wow. It sounds great! Is there anything you don't ⁴ **like / liking**?
 Brendan: No. I'm really happy!

Lucy: How's the course going?
 Ahmed: Not ⁵ **really / very** well. It's really boring. And it's a lot of work.
 Lucy: Oh, dear.
 Ahmed: I think I chose the wrong ⁶ **subject / work**.
 Lucy: Oh, no.
 Ahmed: Yes. I don't really like chemistry. I'm not ⁷ **sure / interesting** it's what I want to do.

D 6.2 Listen and check.

READING

A Read the magazine article and tick the best title.

- 1 The oldest universities in the world []
- 2 Universities around the world []
- 3 The top five universities in the world []



University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

The University of Bologna is older than Oxford, Cambridge or the Sorbonne in Paris. It first offered degree courses in 1088 and was the first place to be called a 'university'. Every year around 100,000 students pay €1,500 to study here.

Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, India

The Indira Gandhi University is nearly thirty years old. It is bigger than any other university in the world. Every year it takes two and a half million undergraduates on courses from engineering and languages to law and art.



Harvard College, Massachusetts, USA

In 1636 nine undergraduates started their courses at Harvard. Today, it takes 18,000 undergraduates every year and many people think it's the best university in the world. It is older and richer – it is worth \$22 billion – than any other university in the United States.

The University of the Faroe Islands, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

With just 142 students, the university of this small group of islands between Scotland and Iceland is the smallest in the world. It opened in 1965 and now offers literature, science and technology classes, all in Faroese, the language of the islands.



George Washington University, Washington D.C., USA

Private universities all over the world are more expensive than national universities. Aoyama Gakuin University in Japan charges some students \$16,000 a year. But the most expensive universities in the world are American. Students at George Washington University, in the US capital, pay more than \$40,000 a year.

Glossary

- undergraduate:** someone studying for a degree
- worth:** the value of something (in money)
- charge:** to ask someone to pay money for something you are selling

B Match each university to its description.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 The University of Bologna | a is worth \$22 billion. |
| 2 Indira Gandhi University | b has under 150 students. |
| 3 Harvard College | c charges around \$40,000 a year. |
| 4 The University of the Faroe Islands | d opened in 1088. |
| 5 George Washington University | e is in India. |

C Read the article again and underline the correct answer.

- 1 The word **study / degree / university** originated at the university of Bologna.
- 2 Indira Gandhi University is almost **25 / 30 / 35** years old.
- 3 **1.5 / 2 / 2.5** million students enter Indira Gandhi University every year.
- 4 Harvard College opened its doors for the first time in **1965 / 1088 / 1636**.
- 5 Harvard takes **sixteen / eighteen / twenty-two** thousand undergraduates every year.
- 6 The Faroe Islands are between Scotland and **Ireland / Iceland / Greenland**.
- 7 The University of the Faroe Islands opened in **1965 / 1088 / 1636**.
- 8 The more expensive courses all over the world are in **national / foreign / private** universities.