

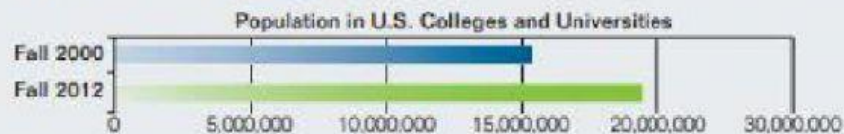
READING ACTIVITY

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Read carefully and answer the activity.

College Campuses Today

- A A college is a **wonderful** place. It is like a town or small city in **several** ways. One way is **population**. In general, the population of a town is less than (<) 10,000 people. A city is more than (>) 10,000 people. In the United States, many **colleges** and **universities** have several **thousand** students. For example, Pasadena City College, in California, has almost 30,000 students. Miami-Dade College, in Florida, has 174,000 students on eight **campuses**! In other ways, too, a **modern** college is like a small city.



▲ Transportation on campus

- B Like a city, many colleges have everything for student life. There are **dormitories**, for example. (A dormitory is an **apartment building** for students.) There are places to eat: dining rooms, coffee shops, and **snack bars**. There is a student store, with food, clothes, and **computers**. There is a **health center**, with doctors and dentists. There is often a **shuttle** for students. (A shuttle is a bus. It takes students from one place on campus to another.)

- C Like any city, a college campus has **entertainment**. There is often a radio station or theater. There is a sports center, where students **exercise**: they run, swim, or play games. They watch sports, too. There are music rooms, where students play piano, for example. There is a student **art gallery**.

- D Of course, students go to college for an education. But learning happens in many places, not only a classroom. One important place is the **learning resources center**. This is like a library, but it also has computers and **tutors**. (A tutor is a teacher who helps one student with questions or problems.) Another important place is the ESL (English as a Second Language) Center. Here, there is help with the English language.

- E As we see, a college is like a small city. It is a place to live. It has food, clothes, doctors, and **transportation**. It has entertainment. And, yes, it gives students an education, too.



▲ A student art gallery

After You Read

6 Identifying the Main Ideas Complete the sentences. Choose the best answer for each blank.

- "College Campuses Today" is about _____
 - the population of colleges and universities in the United States
 - how a college campus is similar to a small city
 - why a college education is important
- On a college campus, there are places to _____
 - live and study
 - have a good time
 - both A and B

7 Vocabulary Check Write a word for each definition. Use words from the reading.

- an apartment building for students = _____
- a bus = _____
- similar to a library, with computers and tutors = _____
- a teacher for one student = _____

8 Making Good Guesses Complete the sentence. Look at the reading and choose the best answer.

- The writer of "College Campuses Today" probably thinks _____
- there are too many students at some colleges
 - a college campus is a good place
 - students learn things only in classrooms