Lesson 13 – Study

Most children begin their studies at 5 or 6 years old in **pre-school,** followed by **kindergarten.** After that comes **primary/elementary school,** which consists of **first grade** through **fifth grade.** Then there's **middle school – sixth grade** through **eighth grade –** and **high school,** which is **ninth grade** through **twelfth grade.**

After high school, you **apply to colleges/universities** to see which ones will accept you. You **send in/submit your application** and then wait for the results. If you **got good grades** in high school, you might **get / be awarded a scholarship** to help pay the tuition (the cost of studying).

In college, you'll **take classes/courses** on various subjects. You should always **take notes** as the teacher is **giving the lecture.** Some teachers may ask the students to **give/make presentations** or **do research** and **write an essay, an assignment, a report,** or **a paper.** After you **hand in your work,** the teacher will **grade the assignment** *(give you an evaluation, for example, 90%)* and **give you feedback** *(comments on your work)*.

To evaluate your progress, you'll **take tests/exams.** If you get the minimum number of points required, you've **passed the test;** if you don't get the minimum number of points, you've **failed the test.** It's also possible to **pass/fail a course.**

If the course proves to be too difficult, or if you don't like it, you can **withdraw from** or **drop the course.** "Withdraw from" is the more formal expression, and "drop" is the more informal expression.

Most college students **choose a major/concentration.** To talk about a concentration of studies, you can use "major" as a verb or a noun – for example,

- "I majored in biology" / "I was a biology major."
- "My daughter is majoring in philosophy." / "My daughter's a philosophy major."

When you **graduate from college,** you'll **get a diploma.** Afterwards, you can say you **have a degree** in the area of your concentration. You can have a **bachelor's degree, master's degree,** or **doctorate (Ph.D.),** for example:

- "I have a bachelor's degree in chemistry."
- "I have a master's degree in linguistics."
- "I have a Ph.D. in theology."

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Lesson 13 Quiz

1. Christine has been a **central / medium / middle** school teacher for many years.
2. Could you give me some **degree / concentration / feedback** on my presentation? I'd like to know how to improve it.
3. He's **applying / submitting / trying** to all the best universities in the country.
4. I think I got every question on the exam wrong - I have no doubt that I **dropped / failed / lost.**
5. I'm **having / taking / going** a course on Latin American politics.
6. My daughter's 12 - she's in sixth **class / grade / level**.
7. My father promised he'd buy me a car if I **got / made / took** good grades in my final year of high school.
8. No, my son hasn't chosen a **degree / major / series** yet. He's debating between sociology and anthropology.
9. She **awarded / formed / graduated** from the University of California in 1999.
10. The professor took ten points off my test because I **handed it in / gave it up / passed it** a few minutes late.
11. The top five students in the class were **awarded / submitted/ withdrawn** a scholarship to a local college.
12. This topic will be on the test - make sure to take detailed **lectures / notes / writings.**

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