

EDUCATION B2.

Exercise 1 Complete definitions 1 – 14 with words and expressions from the box. You will not need all of the words and expressions from the box.

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| <i>acquire</i> | <i>class</i> | <i>correspondence course</i> | <i>course</i> | <i>day release</i> |
| <i>degree</i> | <i>discipline</i> | <i>doctorate</i> | <i>elementary (education)</i> | |
| <i>elementary school</i> | | <i>enroll</i> | <i>exam</i> | <i>experience</i> |
| <i>faculty</i> | <i>fail</i> | <i>fees</i> | <i>grade</i> | <i>grades</i> |
| <i>grade school</i> | | <i>graduate (noun)</i> | <i>graduate (verb)</i> | <i>graduate school</i> |
| <i>grant</i> | <i>higher degree</i> | <i>higher education</i> | <i>high school</i> | |
| <i>junior high school</i> | <i>kindergarten</i> | <i>learn</i> | <i>learning resources center</i> | |
| <i>lecture</i> | <i>lecturer</i> | <i>lesson</i> | <i>literacy</i> | |
| <i>mature (student)</i> | <i>middle school</i> | <i>night class</i> | <i>numeracy</i> | |
| <i>opportunity</i> | <i>pass</i> | <i>physical education</i> | <i>private school</i> | |
| <i>professor</i> | <i>prospectus</i> | <i>public school</i> | <i>qualifications</i> | |
| <i>quarter</i> | <i>retake (an exam)</i> | <i>resources</i> | <i>secondary (education)</i> | |
| <i>semester</i> | <i>seminar</i> | <i>SAT® (Scholastic Aptitude Test)</i> | | |
| <i>sit / take (an exam)</i> | <i>skills</i> | <i>study</i> | <i>subject</i> | <i>syllabus</i> |
| <i>topic</i> | <i>tutor</i> | <i>tutorial</i> | <i>undergraduate</i> | |

1. A _____ is an educational course that you take at home, receiving your work and sending it back by mail or email. A _____ is a lesson in the evening for people who work during the day. People who have a job might be given _____ by their employer, which means that can take a day off work about once a week to attend a course of study.
2. The _____ is an examination that students must take before they can go to university.
3. A _____ is a period of time in which students are taught a subject in school (also called a _____).
4. A _____ is a talk given to a group of students at college or university about a particular _____. The person who gives this talk is called a _____. A _____ is a meeting at which a group of students discuss something they are studying. A _____ is a meeting at which one student, or a small group of students, discusses something he / she is studying with his / her _____.

Exercise 2. Complete this essay with appropriate words and expressions from the box in Exercise 1. You may need to change the form of some of the words.

You are never too old to learn. Do you agree with this statement?

Education is a long process that not only provides us with basic

(1) _____ such as (2) _____ and (3) _____, but is also essential in shaping our future lives. From the moment we enter (4) _____ as 5-year-olds, and as we progress through (5) _____ and (6) _____ education, we are laying the foundations for the life ahead of us. We must (7) _____ ourselves to work hard so that we can (8) _____ exams and gain the (9) _____ we will need to secure a good job. We must also (10) _____ valuable life skills so that we can fit in and work with those around us. And of course (11) _____ helps us to develop our bodies and stay fit and healthy.

For most people, this process ends when they are in their mid-to-late teens and they (12) _____ from high school. For others, however, it is the beginning of a lifetime of learning. After they finish school, many progress to (13) _____ education where they will work towards a (14) _____ in a chosen (15) _____ at university. After that, they may work for a while before opting to study at a (16) _____ for a Masters degree, or a (17) _____. Alternatively, they may choose to attend a (18) _____ after work or, if they have a sympathetic employer, obtain (19) _____ so that they can study during the week. And if they live a long way from a college or university, they might follow a (20) _____ using mail and the Internet. In fact, it is largely due to the proliferation of computers that many people, who have not been near a school for many years, have started to study again and can proudly class themselves as (21) _____ students.

We live in a fascinating and constantly changing world, and we must continually learn and acquire new knowledge if we are to adapt and keep up with changing events. Our schooldays are just the beginning of this process, and we should make the best of every (22) _____ to develop ourselves, whether we are eighteen or eighty. You are, indeed, never too old to learn.