

Exercise 4

Complete the text. Use the words and phrases in the box.

application clearing conditional offer different option grades
register

personal statement unconditional offer

If you want to go to university in the UK, you'll need to _____ with UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Services). You're allowed five choices on the UCAS _____, so make sure you choose carefully. Include your first-choice course, but also include a _____ in case your exam results aren't as good as you expect. You'll also need to write a short _____, explaining why you think the university should admit you. Take care when writing this – it could be the most important piece of writing you ever do.

Then you have to wait to hear from the universities. Some of the universities might give you a/an _____. That means you can join the course if you want to. However, it's more likely that you'll get a/an _____ which means you can join the course, but only if you get certain _____ in your exams. If you don't get any offers, or if you don't get the grades you need, don't worry. UCAS has a system called _____, which matches students who are looking for places with courses that are looking for students.