**Exercise 4**

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

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| 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.

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