



## FURTHER EDUCATION

Further education



### 1 Listen and read.

**Phong:** Hey, you've been in front of your computer for so long! What are you looking for?

**Kevin:** Well, I've been searching for information about further education for several days and I've learnt a lot about it from different websites.

**Phong:** What is further education?

**Kevin:** It's basically education below degree level for people above school age. It can be academic or vocational.

**Maria:** Sounds interesting! How are they different?

**Kevin:** Academic courses help us develop analytical skills, critical thinking and knowledge for higher education at a university or college.

**Phong:** Will that lead to a bachelor's degree?

**Kevin:** Exactly. That's the undergraduate level. At the postgraduate level, you get a master's degree, or a doctoral degree. A doctoral degree, also called a doctorate or PhD, is the highest university degree.

**Maria:** I see. What about vocational courses?

**Kevin:** They provide us with practical skills, training and qualifications to succeed in a particular job.

**Maria:** OK. So, what are your plans for the future?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Kevin:** I've been thinking about studying abroad lately. Besides improving my language skills, I can learn more about other cultures. It can be exciting.

**Phong:** And more expensive ...

**Kevin:** But we can apply for scholarships.

**Maria:** Well, I may need more time to decide on my major so I won't go straight to university after school.

**Kevin:** Good idea! Many students prefer to take a gap year between secondary school and college so they can do voluntary work or internships, and travel.

**Maria:** I couldn't agree more. I've travelled to quite a few countries since grade 9. Next year I plan to go to Thailand to work as a volunteer at a children's home. I hope the practical experience will make my CV look good.

**Phong:** Sounds great! I'd like to join you if I can. I've never been to Thailand before.

### 2 Work in pairs. Complete each sentence with no more than three words.

1. Further education institutions offer \_\_\_\_\_ courses to students.
2. Higher education can be divided into two levels: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When finishing an undergraduate course successfully, students can get \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Students who need practical skills and want to prepare for a job or profession should take \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Students who want to receive an amount of money to help them pay for their education can \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Pronunciation

#### Intonation on wh-questions



1 Listen and repeat the following questions from the conversation in GETTING STARTED. Pay attention to the intonation of yes-no and wh-questions.

1. What are you looking for?
2. What is further education?
3. How are they different?
4. Will that lead to a bachelor's degree?
5. What are your plans for the future?



#### DO YOU KNOW...?

Intonation helps speakers to express their intended meaning.

- Speakers use **rising intonation** at the end of yes-no questions to check whether the information is correct or not.

*Example:*

*Are you going to pursue further education? ↗*

- Speakers use **falling intonation** at the end of wh-questions to ask for information.

*Example:*

*What are your plans for further education? ↘*

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### **Vocabulary**

**1** Complete the following simplified diagram of Viet Nam's education system with the appropriate words from the box.

Kindergarten	University
Lower secondary education	Primary education
Upper secondary education	College

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ and (6) \_\_\_\_\_

3 years (or more)

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

3 years

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

4 years

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

5 years

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

3 years

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## Grammar

1 Read the conversation in **GETTING STARTED** again. Find the time expressions used with the verb forms below.

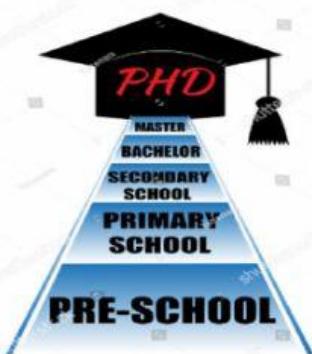
Verb forms

Time expressions

1. have been searching \_\_\_\_\_
2. have been thinking \_\_\_\_\_
3. have travelled \_\_\_\_\_
4. have ... been \_\_\_\_\_

Tìm 1 Website hoặc Video nói về sự khác nhau trong cách dùng của hai thì **PRESENT PERFECT** và **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS**.

Dán link Website hoặc Video em tìm được vào ô bên dưới:



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## READING

### Preparation for higher education

Tìm trên mạng 1 bài viết về hệ thống giáo dục Việt Nam BẰNG TIẾNG ANH.  
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