



Education and study

1

Complete the sentences with a linking word or phrase from the box.

as long as	although	as well as	despite	in order to
owing to		therefore	whereas	

1. you concentrate, you should pass the exam.
2. she always handed in her homework late, the quality of her work was high.
3. Simona took notes during the lecture recording what the teacher said.
4. Mike decided to get a summer job in France improve his French.
5. being one of the most intelligent students in the class, Michael's exam result was disappointing.
6. The students found that they had a free morning the cancellation of the lecture.
7. 'You just don't practise enough,' said the teacher, 'and you're not likely to improve'.
8. Tom wrote his essay in an hour, John needed a whole day to do his.



Exam task

2

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: (0) WHETHER

Keep on learning!

It doesn't matter (0) you are still at school or in full-time employment, making the effort to learn new things is very important. Most of us have a few subjects on (1) we focus. These may be associated (2) our study or job, or sometimes a hobby. (3) it is obviously important to develop a deep understanding of (4) matters to us most, it is equally worthwhile to extend our range of knowledge beyond what we are familiar with, and that is true at (5) age.

So the best advice is to find the time to (6) on new challenges and learn new skills outside the areas where we feel most comfortable. People often choose subjects (7) as new languages, computer skills, or painting. If you can't get to a class, then you can go online. Online courses can easily (8) found, and learning online means you put in as much time as you want each day.



3a

Choose the verb that does NOT make a correct collocation with each noun.

1. make / sit / take / do an exam
2. take / enrol on / apply / do a course
3. obtain / get / have / study a qualification
4. attend / leave / miss / pass school
5. drop / study / obtain / fail a subject
6. go into / graduate from / drop out of / apply to university
7. attend / take / skip / set a class
8. make / set / do / hand in homework

3b

Complete the questions with an appropriate verb from exercise 3a. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1. When was the last time you an exam? Did you pass?
2. Do you usually your homework on time?
3. Have you ever a course in a language other than English? If not, would you like to?
4. From what age do children school in your country? At what age can they?



Exam tips

- Look at what comes before and after each gap and decide what kind of word you need to write – for example a pronoun, verb, preposition, etc.
- You must only write one word in each gap.
- When you have finished, read through the whole text again to make sure it makes sense.