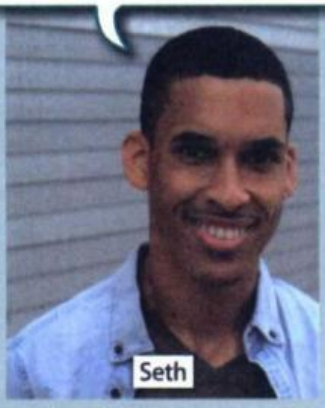
68 University

A A university degree

I started university two years ago when I was nineteen, and I'm **doing a degree in** Spanish and French. The **course lasts** four years, and there are three **terms** a year. I work in the **library** a lot because I have to **write** lots of **essays**. I also have to take exams, and last term I failed one and had to take it **again**. I got the result two weeks ago – **fortunately** I passed this time. When I've got my degree, I want to **do research**.



GLOSSARY

do a degree (in sth)	study a subject or subjects at university. You **do a degree in** a subject.
course	a number of classes on a subject, e.g. an English **course**
term	a period of study, usually about ten weeks
library	a place where you can read and borrow books (Be careful: a **bookshop** is a place where you buy books.)
write an essay	do a piece of writing on a subject
again	one more time
fortunately	We say **fortunately** when we start talking about sth good. OPP **unfortunately**
do research	study a subject for a long time (usually after a first degree) to learn new information about it

SPOTLIGHT *How long does it last? / How long does it take?*

Last means 'continue for a period of time'.
- *A university term **lasts** ten weeks.*
- *My French course **lasts** a year.*

We use **take** (often with *it*) to talk about how long we need to do something.
- ***It took me** three years to do my research.*
- ***He took** two days to write the essay. **It took him** two days to write the essay.*

1 Circle the correct word.

▶ She did an English *course* / *term*.
1 I want to ***do*** / ***make*** a degree in maths.
2 A ***term*** / ***degree*** lasts about ten weeks.
3 I have to ***learn*** / ***write*** essays.
4 Most lessons ***take*** / ***last*** an hour.
5 I study a lot in the ***library*** / ***bookshop***.
6 I want to ***do*** / ***make*** some research.
7 ***Fortunately*** / ***Unfortunately***, I failed the exam.
8 ***Before*** / ***After*** a degree, some people do research.
9 It ***takes*** / ***lasts*** a long time to do a degree.

2 Complete the dialogues.

▶ How long does the term last ? ~ About twelve weeks.
1 Are you doing a _____ ? ~ Yes, _____ Medicine.
2 Are you planning to do _____ ? ~ Yes, when I've got my first degree.
3 Did he get his exam results? ~ Yes, _____ he passed.
4 Can he take the exam _____ if he fails the first time? ~ Yes, in September.
5 Did she have to write an _____ ? ~ Yes, and it _____ her a long time.
6 How long does the course _____ ? ~ It's only one term.
7 Did you buy that new dictionary? ~ Yes, I got it in the college _____ .
8 Did Miriam pass all her exams? ~ No, _____ she failed two subjects.

3 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY **Write your answers, or ask another student.**

1 How long do you need to study for a degree in Medicine? _____
2 What percentage of young people do a degree? _____
3 Do many students go on and do research? _____
4 How long does a university term last? _____
5 If you fail your exams, can you always take them again? _____

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B University subjects and people

	Degree Subject	Person
1	medicine	a doctor
2	architecture	an architect
3	engineering	an engineer
4	law	a lawyer
5	business studies	a businessman/woman
6	journalism	a journalist OR a reporter
7	computer science	e.g. software designer, IT manager









SPOTLIGHT *teacher, lecturer, professor*

A **teacher** is a person who teaches for a job, usually in a school (NOT ~~*a professor*~~). In the UK, a person who teaches in a university is a **lecturer**, and they give **lectures** (NOT ~~*lessons*~~). A **professor** in a university is a lecturer of the highest level.







4 **Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶ design / medicine D
1 law / four .....
2 computer / doctor .....
3 business / journalist .....
4 computer / woman .....
5 lawyer / boy .....
6 science / design .....
7 teacher / architect .....

5 **Complete the sentences. Use the word on the right to help you.**

▶ He always wanted to be a teacher. — TEACHING
1 She wants to be a _____. — MEDICINE
2 When did Tom become an _____? — ENGINEERING
3 Emily is studying to become an _____. — ARCHITECTURE
4 My sister is a _____. — LAW
5 Edward now works as a _____. — LECTURE
6 After his degree he became a software _____. — DESIGN
7 Is it difficult to become a _____? — JOURNALISM
8 I knew he'd become a _____. — BUSINESS STUDIES

6 **Complete the words in the sentences.**

▶ He wants to be a hospital doctor.
1 My uncle is a university p_____.
2 It's not easy to get a place to study l_____.
3 My friend got a job as an IT m_____.
4 He's a j_____ for a national paper.
5 I don't go to all my university l_____.
6 My degree was in b_____ studies.
7 I studied journalism to be a r_____.
8 I enjoyed my e_____ degree.
9 She wants to do computer s_____.
10 She's a b_____ now. She works for a large company.

7 ABOUT YOU **Take six jobs from this unit and put them in order from 1) a job I would like, to 6) a job I would not like. If possible, talk to another student.**

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