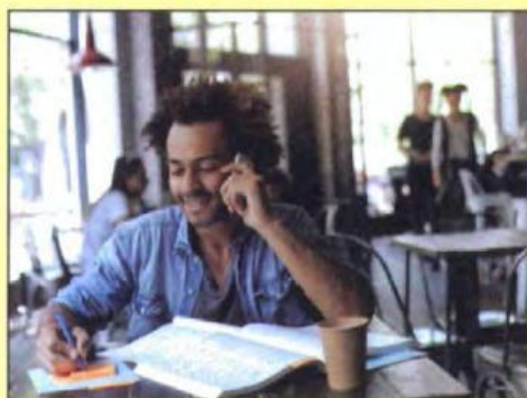


University life in Britain

- In Britain, many university students live **away from home**. This gives them more **freedom** and the opportunity to meet lots of new people, but can also be difficult for some students who **are not used to being on their own** and have never learnt to cook for themselves or even **iron** their clothes. In their first year, most students choose to live in student **accommodation**, which is sometimes on **campus**. After that, they **tend to rent** a flat or house with other students.
- Part of student life is about understanding the **importance** of **managing** your money carefully: tuition **fees**, **loans** you may have **taken out**, money for food, and **payments** you have to **make** for your living costs, for electricity, etc. **For this reason**, many students find **part-time jobs**.
- **At university**, you can often choose when you want to study, but you need to attend lectures, do your **assignments on time**, and plan your **revision** period before exams.



GLOSSARY

away from somewhere	in a different place: away from home/school	fee	money you pay for the professional advice or service of a doctor, lawyer, etc. University students pay tuition fees for their teaching.
freedom	the right or ability to say or do what you want	loan	a sum of money that sb borrows, usually from a bank take out a loan arrange to borrow money from a bank
on my/your, etc. own	SYN by yourself / alone	payment	the act of paying sb: make a payment
accommodation	a place to stay or live	for this/that reason	because of this/that
campus	the buildings of a university or college and the lands around them on campus in the main university area	part-time job	work for only a part of the day or week OPP full-time job
tend (to do sth)	usually do or be sth	at university	If you are at university (without <i>the</i>), you are studying at a university. ALSO at school
rent	pay to stay in a place or use sth that doesn't belong to you: rent a flat/car rent n	assignment	a job or piece of work that sb is given to do not late or early; at the correct time
importance (of sth / of doing sth) [U]	the quality of being important	on time	the process of studying sth again, often to prepare for an exam revise (for sth) v
manage	be in control of sth	revision	

SPOTLIGHT *be used to (doing) sth and be accustomed to (doing) sth*

If you **are used to (doing) something**, you know it well because you have seen, heard, done, etc. it a lot. **Be accustomed to (doing) something** is a synonym, but less common and more formal.

- I live in England so I'm **used to** bad weather.
- My brother doesn't have a car so he **is used to** walking.
- I live with my family so I'm **not used to** cooking for myself.

Don't confuse this structure with **used to + infinitive**, which is for talking about something that you did in the past but don't do now.

- I **used to be** in the army, but I'm a teacher now.

- 1 Write the words in the box in the correct column, according to the underlined sound. Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

university ✓ revise	campus importance	tuition assignment	fees accommodation	accustomed reason
<u>see</u>	<u>shoe</u>	<u>zoo</u>		
university				

- 2 Replace the underlined word/phrase with another word/phrase that has a similar meaning.

- I did several pieces of work each term. assignments
- 1 I'm not really accustomed to getting up early. _____
- 2 I've never lived on my own. _____
- 3 I washed my shirt but now I need to press an iron across it to make it look good. _____
- 4 I liked the place where I stayed. It was cheap and convenient. _____
- 5 I had to borrow money from the bank. _____
- 6 The university was a long way from home and because of this I decided not to go. _____
- 7 Restaurants are expensive for students, so I usually eat at home. _____
- 8 Have you seen the university buildings and land around it yet? _____

- 3 One word or part of a word is missing in each sentence. What is it and where does it go?

- She / used to studying by herself. is 5 I'm not used studying hard. _____
- 1 I took a part job during the summer. _____ 6 I don't go there my own. _____
- 2 I understand the importance revision. _____ 7 I have two brothers university. _____
- 3 I always try to arrive time. _____ 8 I tend study better in the mornings. _____
- 4 I was away home for two months. _____ 9 Could you these trousers for me? _____

- 4 Complete the sentences with words and phrases from the box.

revision	on time	for this reason ✓	manage	payment
importance	freedom	tend	rent	take out

- University can be very expensive. For this reason I decided not to go.
- 1 I decided to _____ a flat with some friends in my second year.
- 2 The owner of our flat asked us to make a large _____ before we could move in.
- 3 Fortunately, the train was _____, so I wasn't late for my lecture.
- 4 I _____ to work in the library in the afternoon until about 5 p.m.
- 5 Do lots of _____ before the exam.
- 6 I don't know how to _____ my money. I've never had to do it.
- 7 Do you think university students have too much _____, or is it good for them?
- 8 I had to _____ loans when I was at university.
- 9 Ariana doesn't really understand the _____ of giving your essays in on time.

- 5 Complete the questions.

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY

- 1 Do students usually live ► at _____ home, or a _____ from home? _____
- 2 Do most students choose to live in student a _____? _____
- 3 Do they live on c _____ or in the town? _____
- 4 Do they have to pay tuition f _____? _____
- 5 Do many have to take out l _____ to pay the bills? _____
- 6 Do they often get p _____ -t _____ jobs to help pay the bills? _____
- 7 Are students u _____ to working on their own? _____

- 6 **ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY** Based on universities in your country, write your answers to Exercise 5, or ask another student.



TEST YOURSELF