

31/Education

Words you need...

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- ▶ **a classmate** someone who is in the same class as you at school or college
- ▶ **a degree** 1 a course of study at a university or college
2 the document that you get when you finish the course
- ▶ **an essay** a piece of writing about a subject, done by a student
- ▶ **an exam** an official test of how good you are at a subject
- ▶ **an exercise** a piece of written work that helps you to practice and learn something
- ▶ **a grade** 1 a number or letter that shows how good a piece of work is 2 (US) a level in school that lasts for one year
- ▶ **a lecture** a talk about a subject to a group of people, usually at a college or university
- ▶ **a professor** 1 (UK) the most important teacher in one part of a university 2 (US) an important teacher in a college or university
- ▶ **a pupil** a child at a school
- ▶ **research** when you study a subject in order to find out new facts
- ▶ **a school** 1 a place where children go to learn
2 (US) a college or university
- ▶ **your studies** the work that you do at a school, university or college

UK/US



There are some important differences between UK and US English in the area of education. One important difference is that in UK English, **school** only means 'the place where children go to learn'. In US English, **school** means this too, but is also used informally to mean 'a college or university':

- ▶ (US) At 18, I left home and went to school in Texas.

Exercise 1

Use the words from the box to complete the sentences.

~~pupils~~ professor exam studies classmates lecture school (x2)

- 1 There are over 500 pupils in the school.
- 2 Cassie left _____ when she was 16.
- 3 I went to an interesting _____ on French art.
- 4 Ben and Tyler were in _____ together at the University of Pennsylvania.
- 5 Will you leave school or continue your _____?
- 6 I'm having a party on Saturday. I've invited all my _____.
- 7 Ellie's father is a university _____.
- 8 I need to do some work because I have an _____ on Friday.

Exercise 2

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 For homework, please (do) [do/make/write] Exercises 9 and 10 on page 4.
- 2 He wrote an essay [in/on/for] the environment.
- 3 She got a degree [on/for/in] Chemistry from Stanford University.
- 4 Brendan is [at/on/in] the fifth grade.
- 5 She's [making/doing/taking] research into the way that children learn to speak.
- 6 Professor Carter is [making/speaking/giving] the lecture this afternoon.