

4 **Reading** Read the article and fill in the blanks with the six completed sentences from page 9, activity 3.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO, TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN COLLEGE?



You've entered the exciting new world of college reading and studying. It is a world in which you can be successful - if you do the right things. However, not everyone knows what to do to succeed. One way is simply to do what successful college students do.

What makes a college student successful? There are at least six things that help college students do well. Anyone can do these things. Actually, you may already do several of them. If so, keep doing them! However, there may be things you can do better. If you do, you will become an even more successful student. Anyone who wants to succeed in college must do the things successful college students do.

Here are six characteristics for being a successful college student.

1. _____ . Preparing for class means much more than completing homework assignments. Successful students read assignments carefully, underlining or highlighting main points and taking notes. They also read through their notes before class. This helps them to understand what the tutor will be talking about and take better notes in class. When students are prepared, they can take part in class discussions and ask questions that help them understand the material.

2. _____ . They turn off their smartphones, tablets, and smartwatches. They do not text during class. They focus on what the tutor is saying, and they take notes. This helps them understand what information is important when they are studying for an exam.



3. _____ . They understand that their tutors want them to do well.

4. _____ . They think about (a) the things they need to do, (b) the things they need to start working on now, and (c) what they can do later. However, they don't stop there.

5. _____ . They constantly review what they are learning. To do this, they make review cards, summary notes, charts, or diagrams. This helps them to understand the information and remember it. They start studying early, review the material, and reread all the important points. They ask for help on material they still do not understand.

6. _____ . They don't go out with their friends or chat on their phones instead of studying, because their schoolwork is important to them and they want to get good grades. They have a clear idea of why they want to earn a college degree (and it is not simply to make money), and they often know what they want to do once they finish college.

