

Unit 7: Education options for school-leavers

Part 1:

WORD	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
academic (adj)	/ækə'demɪk/	có tính chất học thuật, liên quan tới học tập
apprenticeship (n)	/ə'prentɪsɪp/	thời gian học nghề, học việc thực tế
bachelor's degree (n)	/'bætʃələz dɪgri:/	bằng cử nhân
brochure (n)	/'brəʊʃə/	ấn phẩm quảng cáo, giới thiệu
doctorate (n)	/'dɒktərət/	bằng tiến sĩ
entrance exam (np)	/'entrəns ɪg'zæm/	kì thi đầu vào
formal (adj)	/'fɔ:ml/	chính quy, có hệ thống
graduation (n)	/'grædʒu'eɪʃn/	khi tốt nghiệp, lễ tốt nghiệp
higher education (n)	/'haɪər edʒu'keɪʃn/	giáo dục đại học
institution (n)	/'ɪnstrɪ'tju:ʃn/	cơ sở, viện (đào tạo)
manage (v)	/'mænɪdʒ/	cố gắng (làm được việc gì đó)
master's degree (n)	/'ma:stəz dɪgri:/	bằng thạc sĩ
mechanic (n)	/mə'kænɪk/	thợ cơ khí
professional (adj)	/prə'feʃənl/	chuyên nghiệp, nhà nghề
qualification (n)	/'kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃn/	trình độ chuyên môn, văn bằng
school-leaver (n)	/'sku:l li:və/	học sinh tốt nghiệp trung học phổ thông
sixth-form college (n)	/'sɪksθ fɔ:m kɒlɪdʒ/	trường dành cho học sinh từ 16-19 tuổi và tập trung vào các trình độ A-levels nhằm chuẩn bị cho sinh viên vào các trường đại học
vocational school (n)	/vəʊ'keɪʃənl sku:l/	trường dạy nghề

Noun			
1	Fair	/feə(r)/	Hội chợ
2	Option	/'ɒpʃn/	Lựa chọn
3	Biology	/baɪ'ɒlədʒi/	Môn sinh học

4	Mechanic	/mə'kænɪk/	Thợ sửa máy
5	Knowledge	/'nɒlɪdʒ/	Kiến thức
6	Graduation	/grædʒu'eɪʃn/	Tốt nghiệp
7	Qualification	/kwɔːlɪfɪ'keɪʃn/	Bằng cấp
8	Satisfaction	/sætɪs'fækʃn/	Sự thỏa mãn
9	Apprenticeship	/ə'prentɪsɪp/	Thực tập
10	Duration	/dju'reɪʃn/	Thời lượng
11	Appointment	/ə'pɔɪntmənt/	Sự hẹn gặp
12	Opportunity	/əpə'tju:nəti/	Cơ hội
13	Degree	/dɪ'grɪ:/	Bằng cấp

Verb

1	Regret	/rɪ'gret/	Hối tiếc
2	Accept	/ək'sept/	Chấp nhận
3	Gain	/geɪn/	Thu được, đạt được
4	Pursue	/pə'sju:/	Theo đuổi

Adjective

1	Academic	/ækə'demɪk/	Học thuật
2	Particular	/pə'tɪkjələ(r)/	Cụ thể
3	Sensible	/'sensəbl/	Nhạy cảm
4	Practical	/'præktɪkl/	Thực tế, thực dụng
5	Hands-on	/hændz 'on/	Thực tế
6	Available	/ə'veɪləbl/	Sẵn có

Phrases

1	Vocational school	/vəʊ'keɪʃənl sku:l/	Trường dạy nghề
2	Make decision	/meɪk dɪ'sɪʒn/	Quyết định
3	School leaver	/sku:l 'li:və(r)/	Học sinh ra trường
4	Job skill	/dʒɒb skɪl/	Kỹ năng công việc
5	Training course	/'treɪnɪŋ kɔ:s/	Khóa đào tạo

6	University entrance exam	/ju:nɪ'və:səti 'entrəns ɪg'zæm/	Thi vào đại học
7	Critical thinking	/'krɪtɪkl 'θɪŋkɪŋ/	Tư duy phản biện

Ex VIII: Match the words with their definitions.

1. vocational		a. connected with real situations rather than with ideas or theories
2. option		b. a period of time working as an apprentice
3. qualification		c. connected with education, especially studying in schools and universities
4. apprenticeship		d. saying what you think is bad about something/somebody
5. pursue		e. the information, skills you gain through education or experience
6. critical		f. connected with skills, knowledge that you need to do a particular job
7. practical		g. the process of learning the skills that you need to do a job
8. knowledge		h. try to achieve something over a period of time
9. training		i. something you can choose to have or do
10. academic		j. an exam that you passed

Ex IX: Complete the following sentences with words in Ex VIII.

1. Students have the of studying abroad in their second year at this university.
2. Too many school leavers lack basic in English and Maths.
3. My daughter tries to find a course which will allow her to develop the skills employers want.
4. David has no prior of the language before visiting that country.
5. Harvard university is famous all over the world for its excellence.
6. Josh was determined to his dream of becoming a famous actor in Asia.
7. She has some in dealing with children with emotional problems.
8. Celebrities sometimes ignore comments on social networks.

Ex X: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

1. He is listening for specific information in a conversation about courses provided at a vocational school.

A. apply B. demand C. require D. supply

2. What job opportunities are there for your students after graduation?

A. possibility B. chance C. aspect D. mission

3. Students who do not have necessary skills will quickly find themselves struggling in their new position.

A. try hard B. look carefully C. develop quickly D. increase gradually

4. Employers can count on new staff to begin excelling in the position quickly.

A. depend on B. agree with C. rely on D. believe in

5. Vocational education can be a good option to consider for some kids with learning and thinking differences.

A. hang over B. roll over C. think over D. push over

6. Students learn skills that prepare them to work in a particular field after high school.

A. individual B. specific C. important D. private

7. Make sure the programs match up with your children's goals.

A. similar B. suitable C. appropriate D. feasible

8. Students should take all of the standardized tests and classes their school requires.

A. revive B. resume C. request D. reduce

9. Can you tell me what kind of professional experience the teachers have?

A. technique B. occupation C. skill D. attitude

10. The student learns precisely what he needs and wants for his chosen field.

A. exactly B. certainly C. closely D. thoroughly

Ex XI: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

1. Why is vocational education and training important for high school students?

A. essential B. vital C. meaningless D. crucial

2. There are programs where students attend traditional high school in the morning and then take a bus to a career center.

A. modern B. conventional C. fashionable D. updated

3. Students may be able to graduate with a certificate in their field of study in addition to their diploma.

A. regardless of B. except for C. together with D. accompanied by

4. If you are unsure of future work plans, you should leave more options open.

A. suspicious B. definite C. absolute D. doubtful

5. Vocational training is available for high school students who are trying to get into the job market.

A. unavailable B. disavailable C. imavailable D. unavailable

6. Ambitious policies and action plans are required to bring about gender equality in the workplace nowadays.

A. difference B. discrepancy C. discrimination D. differentiation

7. Vocational training can be a desirable option for individuals who wish to develop new skills.

A. undesirable B. indesirable C. disdesirable D. imdesirable

8. The program often results in either a certificate or a degree in a particular field of study.

A. bring about B. result from C. result of D. bring up

9. A major benefit of this type of training is the fact that it is an educational program in which the student is paid.

A. advantage B. strength C. drawback D. aspect

10. It is common for companies to provide employees with job-specific training as well as training in general employment skills.

A. popular B. rare C. typical D. normal

Ex XII: Fill in the gap with a suitable word given in the box.

requirements	program	vocational	information	career
practical	limit	academic	expenses	workshops

1. They are going to discuss the benefits of vocational training and study in their presentation tomorrow.

2. Vocational education and training prepares people for work and develops some skills.

3. Students spend hours in the practical each week learning hands-on practical skills related to their chosen field.

4. There are a number of questions to ask to find out how well the prepares students for life after school.
5. Some students are doing a research on an educational institution and present the to the whole class.
6. Colleges and universities offer a wide range of course to their students in their departments of sciences.
7. If a student wants to devote to himself to a very specific kind of work, access to such a is open through vocational training.
8. There are schools that themselves to teaching one kind of trade such as beauty colleges or travel schools.
9. I was under the impression that only students weak in their studies chose training.
10. My brother contributes to my parents' household and is saving up for his own future.

Ex XIII: Complete the text. Use the suitable words given in the box.

subjects	library	learning	research	knowledge
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Vocational (1) opportunities play a crucial role in skill development. The importance of vocational development can largely be summed up as the difference between theoretical (2) and practical skills. In non-vocational studies, students often spend hours of their time exploring a variety of different (3) Their class time tends to be only a few hours per week as they spend many hours in the (4) and on computers. They often conduct (5) and write papers that help them continue to build their theoretical knowledge in a variety of fields.

Ex XIV: Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word provided.

1. Higher is really for those who want formal training in order to get an academic degree. (**EDUCATOR**)
2. training is much shorter than a college or university course. (**VOCATION**)
3. There are a lot of educational opportunities for school nowadays. (**LEAVE**)
4. Having completed an important project together gave us a feeling of (**SATISFY**)
5. Do you think I need special to apply for this course? (**QUALIFY**)
6. Her daughter is looking for a cooking course as she wants to be a restaurant cook. (**PROFESSION**)
7. My brother is in travelling and exploring different cultures. (**INTEREST**)

8. As he didn't ask anyone for advice, he made the wrong about his education. (DECIDE)

9. They may start to lose their and feel unsure about what to do. (CONFIDENT)

10. Vocational education is often referred to as career education or education. (TECHNIQUE)