

Section 3

TUTOR: Ah Carolin, come on in. Sit down.

CAROLINE: Thanks.

TUTOR: So how's (1)?

CAROLINE: Well Dr Schulmann, I'm still having a lot of trouble deciding on a title.

TUTOR: Well, that's perfectly normal at this stage. And this is what your tutorials will help you to do.

CAROLINE: Right.

TUTOR: What we'll do is jot down some points that might (2).....
..... First of all, you have chosen your general topic area, haven't you?

CAROLINE: Yes, (3)

TUTOR: Oh yes, that was one of the areas you mentioned. Now, what (4).....
..... are you good at?

CAROLINE: Well, I think I'm coping well with statistics, and I'm never bored by it. Good. Anything else? Well, (5) fascinating -I have no problem following what's being taught, whereas quite a few of my classmates find it difficult.

TUTOR: Well, that's very good. Do you think these might be areas you could (6).....?

CAROLINE: Oh yes, if possible. It's just that I'm having difficulty thinking how I can do that. You see I feel I (7).....

TUTOR: I see. Well, do you take notes?

CAROLINE: I'm very weak at note-taking. My teachers always used to say that.

TUTOR: Well, I think you really need to work on these weaknesses before you go any further

CAROLINE: What do you suggest?

TUTOR: Well, I can go through the possible strategies with you and let you decide where to go from there.

CAROLINE: Okay, thanks.

TUTOR: Well, some people find it helpful to organise peer-group discussions- you know, each week a different (8) and shares it with the group.

CAROLINE: Oh right.

TUTOR: It (9), you know, having to present something to others.

CAROLINE: I can see that.

TUTOR: The drawback is that everyone in the group seems to share the same ideas. they keep being (10)

CAROLINE: Okay.

TUTOR: You could also try a service called 'Student Support'. It's designed to (11)..... over a number of weeks to develop your skills.

CAROLINE: Sounds good.

TUTOR: Yes, unfortunately there are only a few places. But it's worth looking into.

CAROLINE: Yes, of course. I know I've got to (12).....

TUTOR: And then there are several study skills books you can consult.

CAROLINE: Right.

TUTOR: They'll be (13) but the problem is they are sometimes too general.

CAROLINE: Yes, that's what I've found.

TUTOR: Other than that I would strongly (14) like using a card index.

CAROLINE: Well, yes, I've never done that before.

TUTOR: It's simple, but it really works because you (15)..... in a small space. Another thing I always advise is don't just take your notes and forget about them. Read everything three times - that'll really fix them in your mind.

CAROLINE: Yes, I can see it'd take discipline but... Tutor: Well, if you establish good (16) they'll be with you all your life.

CAROLINE: Oh yes, I completely agree. It's just that I don't seem to be able to discipline myself. I need to talk things over.

TUTOR: Well, we'll be continuing (17) Let's arrange next month's now. Let's see, I can see you virtually any time during the week starting 22nd January.

CAROLINE: What about the 24th? I'm free in the afternoon

TUTOR: Sorry, I'm booked then. What about the following day?

CAROLINE: Thursday? I can make the morning.

TUTOR: Fine, we'll (18) then.

CAROLINE: That's great, thanks.