31/ Education

Words you need... 31.1

- **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/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.

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