Education

Lesson 1

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Warm up

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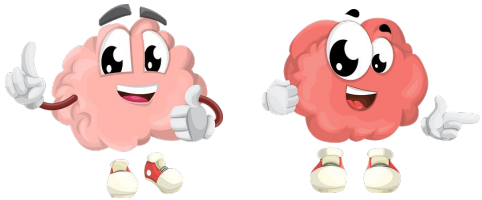
Describing personality



generous
competitive
hilarious
talented
arrogant
optimistic
adventurous
intelligent
friendly
boring

A

B

C

Questions:

1. Describe the people in the pictures using the words in the box.
2. Can you think of any other words to describe the people?
3. Use the words from the box and question 2 to describe your friends and family.

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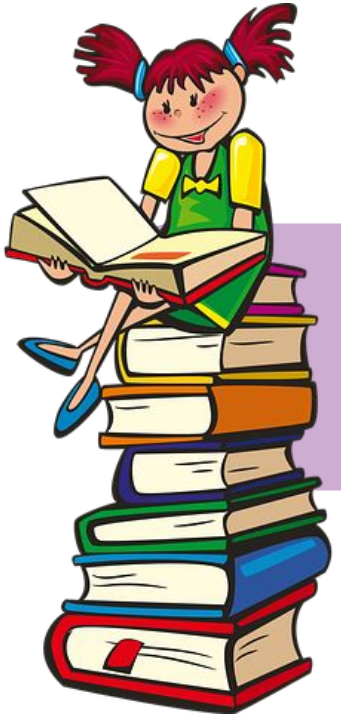

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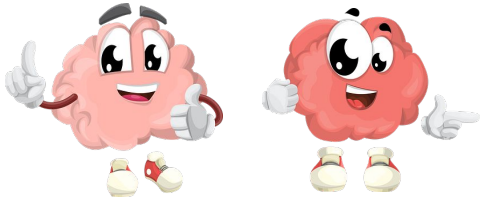

Study the pictures below. Where do you think they are?

Picture A

Picture B

Picture C

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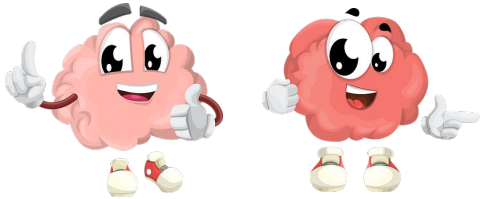

Study the answers. Both words under each picture are correct.
What is the difference between the words?

Primary school
Elementary school

Secondary school
High school

University
College

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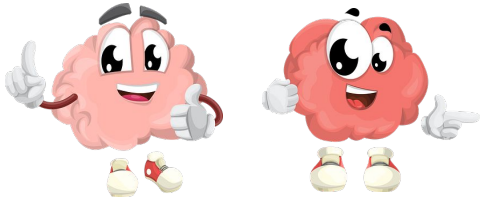

British: Primary school

British: Secondary school

British: University

American: Elementary school

American: High School

American: College

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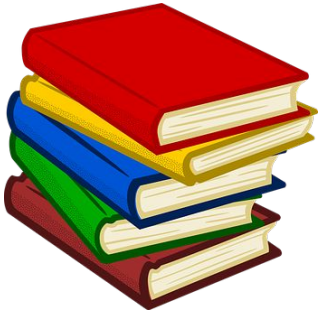
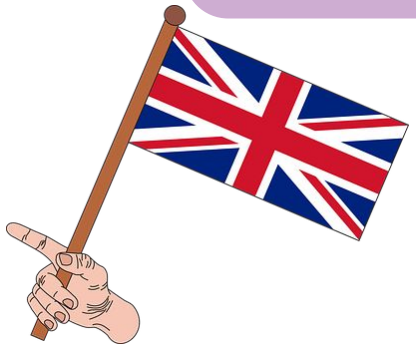
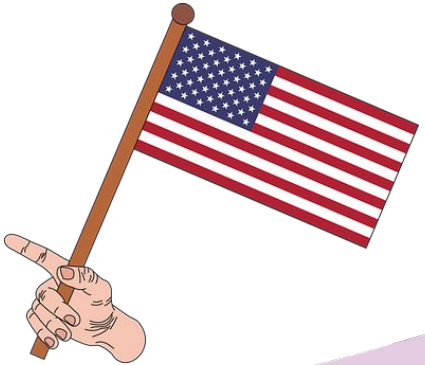


British or American English?





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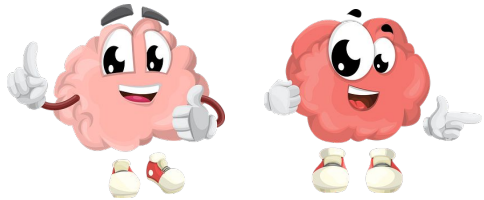

In the English-speaking world, when do you need to know both American and British English? Discuss how you could need to know both forms of English in the scenarios below.

Films	Meeting new people	Social media
Books	TV Series	Business meetings
Travel	Music	Podcasts

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Differences in education

Each word is named differently in the UK and the US. Can you match the words to the pictures?

mark / grade

holiday / vacation

break time / recess

rubber / eraser

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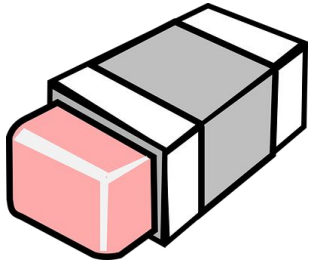
2

3



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Check your answers!

Well done!

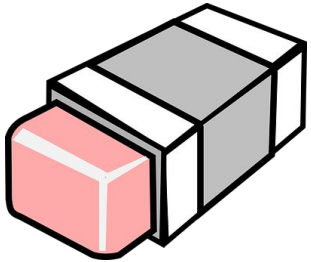
1

recess / break time

2

grade / mark

3



eraser / rubber

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vacation / holiday

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Part 2

Each word is named differently in the UK and the US. Can you match the words to the pictures?

timetable / schedule

exam / test

headmaster / principal

sneakers/ trainers

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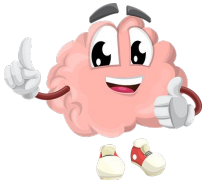

Great job!

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test / exam

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principal / headmaster

7

sneakers / trainers

8

schedule / timetable

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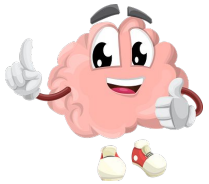
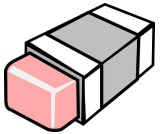
Complete the sentences!



1. The kids play basketball at .
2. Jack studied every day so he got an awesome .
3. I've made a mistake, do you have an  ?
4. I can't wait for my summer .

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Check your answers

1. The kids play basketball at **recess / playtime**.
2. Jack studied every day so he got an awesome **grade / mark**.
3. I've made a mistake, do you have an **rubber / eraser**?
4. I can't wait for my summer **vacation / holiday**.

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Complete the sentences!

1. I am nervous for the tomorrow.
2. My school is great. I have English class every day!
3. Have you seen my brand new ? I bought them yesterday.
4. I like the at my school. He is friendly and helpful.

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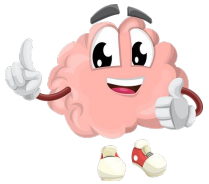

1. I am nervous for the **exam / test** tomorrow.
2. My school **timetable / schedule** is great. I have English class every day!
3. Have you seen my brand new **sneakers / trainers**? I bought them yesterday.
4. I like the **headmaster / principal** at my school. He is friendly and helpful.

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Answer the questions

1. Do you feel nervous before an **exam?**
2. Do you like your school's **principal**?
3. Describe your school **timetable**.
4. Do you wear **sneakers** to school?
5. What **mark** did you get in your last English test?
6. What games do you play at **recess**?
7. What is another word for **eraser?**
8. Where is your dream summer **holiday** destination?

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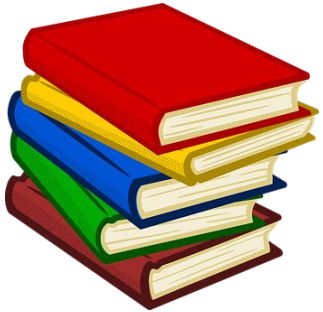

Let’s study!

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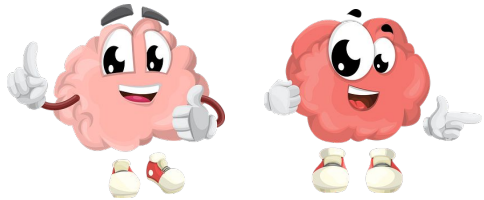

Can you figure out what the connection is between these words?

Medicine	Law	Geography
Engineering	Art and Design	Architecture
History	Accounting and Finance	Computer Science

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Check your answer!

They are all university / college degrees!

Medicine	Law	Geography
Engineering	Art and Design	Architecture
History	Accounting and Finance	Computer Science

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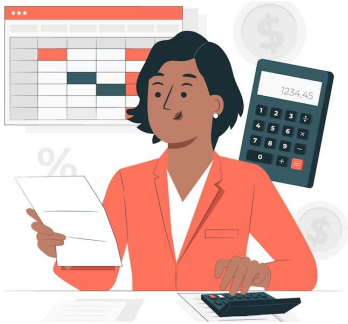
What did they study?

Match the degrees to the relevant people.

medicine history engineering law art and design
business management accounting architecture computer science

Hi! My name is John. I am an archaeologist. I learn about the past by studying the ground in important places.



Hello! My name is Katie. I am an accountant. I control my company's finances.

Hi there! I am Josh. I am a software developer. I create and maintain computer systems for my company.

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Check your answers!

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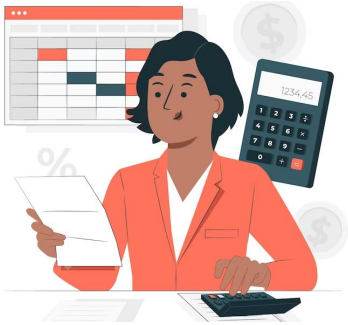
He studied history at university!



She studied accounting at university.

He studied computer science at university.

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Hello everyone! I am Amy. I am a photographer. I love taking pictures of interesting places and people.

Hi there! I am Joanne.
I am a solicitor. I give legal advice to help people who are going to court.

Hey! My name is Oliver.
I am an entrepreneur.
I created and run my own clothing company.

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Check your answers!

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She studied art and design at university.

She studied law at university.

He studied business management at university.

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What did they study?

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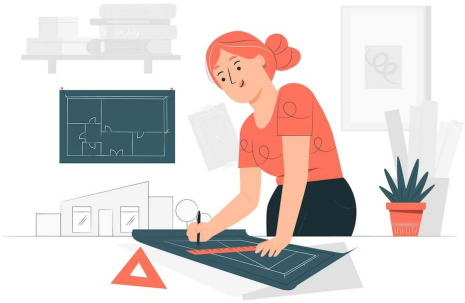
Hi everyone! My name is Thomas. I am a doctor. I help people when they are sick.



Hello! My name is Jackie. I am an architect. I design new buildings and the spaces around them.

Hey there! I am an engineer. I invent, design, build and test new machines.

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Check your answers!

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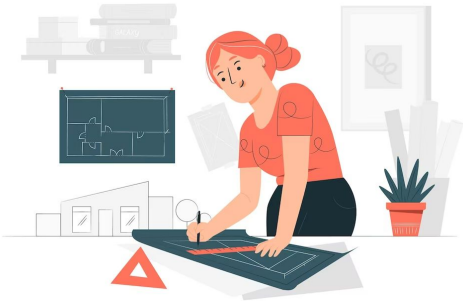
He studied medicine at university.



She studied architecture at university.

He studied engineering at university.

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Answer the questions

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business management accounting architecture computer science

1. Do you study any of the subjects at school? Discuss.
2. Do you know anyone that studies / studied any of them at university?
3. Which degree do you think is the most difficult?
4. Which degree do you think is the easiest?
5. Do you want to study any of them at university in the future?

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Should I go to University?

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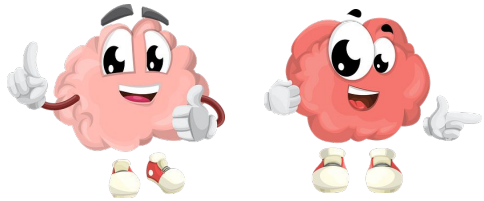
Benefits of University



Specialised jobs.

Gaining a university degree in your area of interest will improve your chances of getting a job in specialised fields. Most skilled jobs require a university degree. Some examples include careers in medicine, engineering, law, and accounting. There are alternatives to university, but a university education is essential for certain careers.

Earn more money.

Did you know that university graduates earn 35% more than non-graduates? So, if you are a high school student who wants to earn good money, a degree will give you a head start. Also, university degrees can help workers with industry experience who want a promotion.

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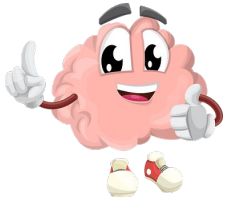
Benefits: True or False?



Most skilled jobs require a university degree.

or

University graduates earn 25% more than non-graduates.

or

University degrees can help workers who want a promotion.

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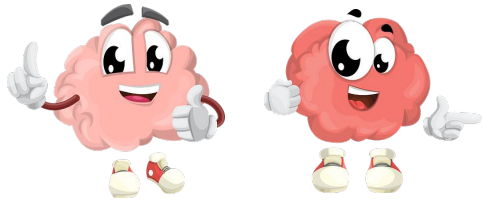

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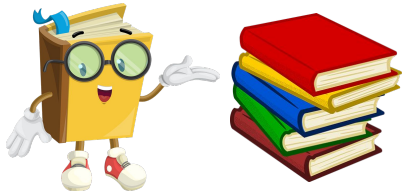
Benefits: Part 2



Independence.

For young students, university life gives them a taste of living independently. There are new social events, and you learn about basic life skills such as doing the laundry, cooking, and paying bills. This independence allows them to mature and take on more responsibility. It may sound difficult at first, but they will learn a lot and grow from this experience.

Travel the world.

There are many opportunities to study in a different country, this will give you the chance to travel and study at the same time. In many universities, you also have the option to study for a year abroad, and there are also courses that include trips to different countries. If you are passionate about travelling and exploring new places, university is the perfect place for you.

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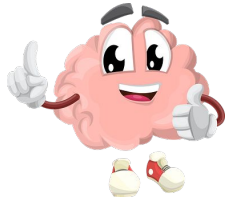
Part 2: True or False?



University teaches basic life skills.

or

University gives students independence and helps them mature.

or

There are no opportunities to travel at university.

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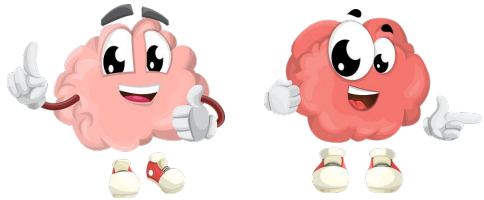

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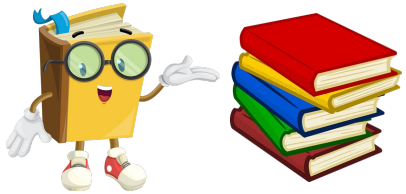
Discussion questions



1. Do you want to go to university? Explain.
2. What types of specialised jobs require a university degree?
3. On average, do graduates earn more money?
4. How does university give students independence?
5. How does university allow some students to travel?
6. Would you like to study in a different country?

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Phrasal verbs

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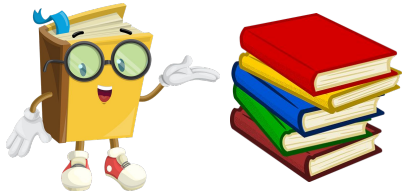
Drop out



Read the sentences then guess the meaning of “drop out”.

Sentences

1. After struggling in college for a year, John decided to **drop out** and start working instead.
2. Due to financial difficulties, many students have to **drop out** of college before completing their degrees.
3. Many students choose to **drop out** of university and start their own businesses, as they believe they can learn more and earn money.

Definitions

a) to fall from a high place.

b) to quit university before graduating.

c) to become invisible or to disappear.

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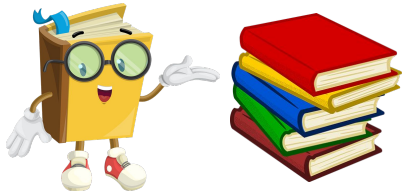
Fall behind



Read the sentences then guess the meaning of “fall behind”.

Sentences

1. It's easy to **fall behind** when you miss several days of classes.
2. The student was so busy with other commitments that she **fell behind** in her homework.
3. Hannah **fell behind** in class because she wasn’t motivated this resulted in poor grades.

Definitions

a) to pass an exam easily.

b) to change classes without permission.

c) to not keep up with progress or expectations.

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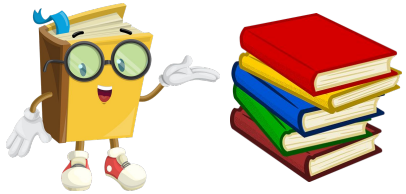
Mix up



Read the sentences then guess the meaning of “mix up”.

Sentences

1. The student **mixed up** his answers on the exam and received a lower grade as a result.
2. The teacher **mixed up** the grades and gave several students the wrong scores on their assignments.
3. The school **mixed up** the schedules for the final exams and caused confusion among the students.

Definitions

a) to confuse or get things wrong.

b) to study for the wrong exam.

c) to fully understand something.

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Check your answers!

Study the phrasal verbs and their correct definitions below .

1. **Drop out**: to quit university before graduating.
2. **Fall behind**: to not keep up with progress or expectations.
3. **Mix up**: to confuse or get things wrong.

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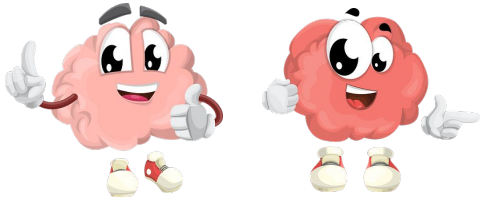
Present tense sentences!



mix up fall behind drop out

1. Many students _____ of college because of stress.
2. Some students _____ in their classes due to lack of motivation, poor time management, or difficulty with the course material.
3. The teacher often _____ the names of the students in the class.

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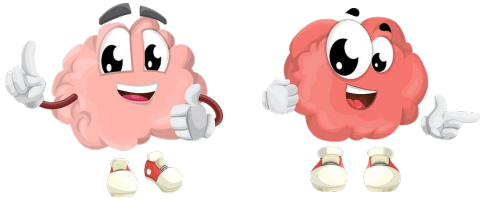
Past tense sentences!



mix up fall behind drop out

1. The student _____ in class due to frequent absences from school.
2. Last year, many students _____ of college because of financial difficulties.
3. The student _____ the answers on the test and got a poor grade.

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mix up fall behind drop out

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Question time!

Practice using the phrasal verbs by answering the questions

1. Do you know anyone who has **dropped out** of school or university?
2. Give 3 common reasons why students **drop out** of college.
3. How can schools and universities help students who **fall behind** in their studies?
4. Have you ever **fallen behind** in class? How did you feel?
5. Have you ever **mixed up** answers on a test before?
6. Do you know any students who often **mix up** their schedules and are late for class?

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Speaking Practice

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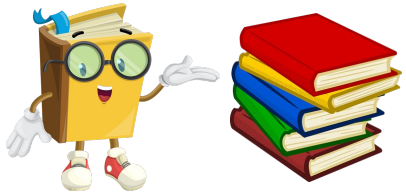
Picture Round



Discuss how learning to speak multiple languages could help the following people.

Person A

Person B

Person C

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Picture Round: Part 2

Give advice to the following people on what degree they should study at university.

Person A

Person B

Person C

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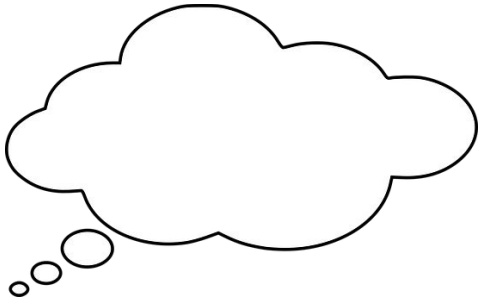
Quotes



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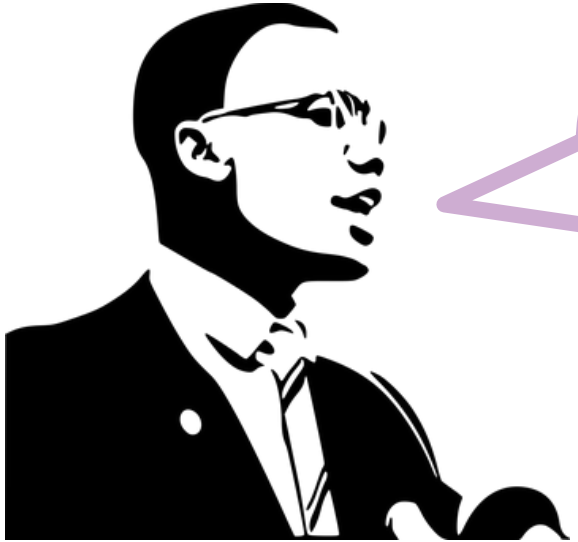
Education Quotes

Read and discuss the quotes as a class!



"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

1. What is the purpose of education, according to the quote?
2. What does the quote suggest we should do today to help our future?
3. How can you apply this quote to your own life?

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Education Quotes

Read and discuss the quotes as a class!

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

1. What is the difference between giving a man a fish and teaching a man?
2. How does teaching a man to fish benefit him in the long term?
3. What does this quote say about education?

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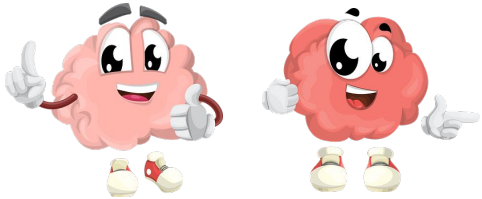
Boggle: Teacher's notes



- You need a pen and paper to play this game.
- In this game, you have three minutes to make the most words possible.
- See the game rules video here: Link
- The player with the most points wins. Use the point scoring system from the video.
- You can make any words you want, but encourage students to create words related to the lesson.
- Good luck and have fun!

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Let's play Boggle!

a	r	w	e	f	e
d	r	s	o	o	r
o	t	e	a	h	f
s	a	c	d	i	l
d	e	y	q	w	o
c	t	e	c	r	a

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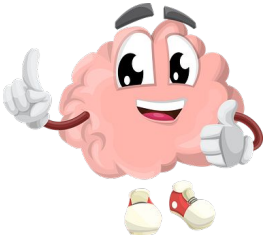
Name Game!

You have 30 seconds to name as many things as you can related to the topic.

1. University degrees.

2. Jobs.



3. Different UK and US words that have the same meaning.

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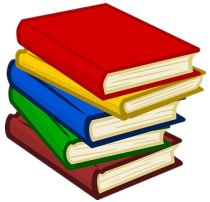
Would you rather...

Choose one and explain why!
Say as much as you can.

be the most intelligent person in the world



or

the richest person in the world?

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Goodbye!
See you
next time!

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