

16 Vocabulary

16.1 STUDYING

My daughter **took a year off** before starting university.

take a year off (US) / **take a year out** (UK)
[have a year away from education or work]



The college provides housing for **undergraduates**.

undergraduate
[someone studying for a first degree at college or university]



When I was a **freshman**, everything seemed so exciting.

freshman (US) / **fresher** (UK)
[a student in their first year at college or university]



I will be the first person in my family to **get a degree**.

get a degree
[be awarded a qualification after college or university]



I was so nervous before I **took my driving test**, but I passed!

take a test / **take an exam**
[answer questions or perform actions to show how much you know about something]



My brother **enrolled in** an accounting course this week.

enrol in (US) / **enrol on** (UK)
[register to start something]



She is a **graduate** student of biochemistry.

graduate (US) / **postgraduate** (UK)
[study carried out following graduation from a first degree]



Make sure you plan ahead. You have to write four essays this **semester**.

semester (US) / **term** (UK)
[a period of time in an academic calendar, during which classes are held]



It is very important to **attend classes** regularly and keep notes.

attend classes
[go to lessons or lectures]



My tutors **give me regular feedback on my projects**.

give someone feedback on something
[provide comments and advice on how somebody is doing something]



I worked late last night to **meet the deadline** for this report.

meet a deadline

[finish something within a given time]



He's so unreliable! He's always **missing deadlines** for projects.

miss a deadline

[fail to finish something within a given time]



We have **continuous assessment**, not final exams.

continuous assessment

[grading based on work done over a long period]



You can't **draw a comparison** between then and now.

draw a comparison between

[point out similarities between things]



The essay asked us to **compare the similarities** between the countries.

compare similarities

[consider and describe how things are alike]



We looked at two pictures and **contrasted the differences**.

contrast differences

[consider and describe how things differ from each other]



Their views on this subject are **polar opposites**.

polar opposite

[completely different]



There is a **clear distinction** between these projects.

clear distinction

[an obvious difference]



For twins, their interests are **strikingly different**.

strikingly different

[surprisingly not alike]



Your hard work has made a **world of difference** this year.

a world of difference

[a significant level of difference]

