

# 8 EDUCATION

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### finals /'faɪn(ə)lz/ Noun plural

*finals* are the exams that university students take at the end of their course

*I've got my finals next term | she's sitting her finals next month (taking the exams)*

Adjective: *final*

*what happens if you fail your final exams?*

- examen final

### fluent /'flu:ənt/ Adjective

if you are *fluent*, you speak a language easily and without making mistakes

Collocates: be fluent in something | a fluent speaker

*I won't become fluent in English if I don't work hard enough | he is a fluent speaker of German*

Adverb: *fluently* | Noun: *fluency*

*she writes very fluently*

- que parla amb fluïdesa

### graduate /'grædʒueɪt/ Verb

when you *graduate*, you are given your degree after you finish your university course. A student who successfully graduates is a *graduate* ('grædʒuət)

Collocates: graduate from something

*when I graduated, I wanted to find a job in the media | I graduated in 2005 | she graduated from Oxford with a degree in law*

Noun: *graduate*

*graduates are likely to start jobs on a higher salary*

- graduar-se

### Master's /'mɑ:stə(r)z/ Noun

a *Master's* or a *Master's degree* is a university qualification that you can get which is higher than a first degree

Collocates: a Master's in something | do a Master's

*it took two years to get my Master's | he has a Master's degree in engineering*

- màster

### media /'mi:diə/ Noun

the *media* is television, radio, newspapers, magazines, etc. which prepare and send out information and entertainment for people to watch, listen to, or read

Collocates: media coverage | mass media

*I tried for months to get a job in the media | she's written a book about the influence of the mass media (newspapers, TV, etc. that are seen by large numbers of people)*

- mitjans de comunicació

### nursery /'nɜ:(r)s(ə)ri/ Noun

a *nursery* is a place where very young children are looked after while their parents are at work. In Britain, a *nursery school* is a school for very young children between three and five years old

*my youngest daughter starts nursery next month | I've known him since we were at nursery school together*

- escola bressol

### off /ɒf/ Adverb

if you have time *off* or take time *off*, you spend a period of time not working or studying but doing something different

Collocates: take time off | be off

*I need to take the day off on Friday | I can't take any time off till we've finished the project*

- lliure

### pass /pɑ:s/ Verb

if you *pass* a test or exam, you succeed in it

Collocates: pass a test/exam

*she passed her driving test first time | if you don't pass this time, you'll have to take the exam again in January*

Opposite – Verb: *fail*

*I was ill for two weeks before the exam, so I expected to fail*

- aprovar

### promise /'prɒmɪs/ Verb

if you *promise* to do something, you say that you will definitely do it

Collocates: promise someone something | promise to do something

*my parents have promised me they'll buy me a car if I pass my exams | will you promise to be home by 10 o'clock?*

Noun: *promise*

Collocates: make (someone) a promise | keep a promise | break a promise

*politicians are always making promises and then breaking them (not doing what they said they would do)*

- prometre

**retake** /ri:'teɪk/ Verb

if you *retake* an exam, you take it again because you did not pass it the first time

*If I don't get a good enough score, I'll have to retake the exam in a couple of months | he had to retake the exam twice before he finally passed*

Noun: *retake*

*I can't come out tonight, I'm revising for my retake tomorrow*

- *tornar a fer / reprendre*

**save** /seɪv/ Verb

if you *save* money, you keep it so that you can use it later, rather than spending it straight away. The money that you keep is your savings

*I'm saving money for my university fees | I saved over £500 last year*

Noun: *savings*

*I had to use my savings to get the car repaired*

- *estalviar*

**system** /sɪstəm/ Noun

a *system* is all the related parts of a process or machine that work together to produce a result

*our education system is very efficient | the heating system has broken down*

- *sistema*

**term** /tɜ:(r)m/ Noun

a *term* is one of the periods of time into which a school or university year is divided

*I've got my final exams next term | we never do much work on the last day of term*

- *trimestre*

**year** /jɪə(r)/ Noun

a school *year* or a university *year* is the period that starts in September and ends in July when students are at school or university

*my brother's in his second year at university | what year are you in?*

- *any*

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**approach** /ə'prəʊtʃ/ Noun

your *approach* to something is the particular way you do it or think about it

Collocates: take an approach | an approach to something  
*the school has a traditional approach to teaching | other governments took a different approach to the problem*

Verb: *approach*

- *enfocament*

**atmosphere** /æt'məs,fɪə(r)/ Noun

the *atmosphere* of a place is the feeling you get when you are there

*the school has a good atmosphere | I didn't like the atmosphere at the party so I left early*

- *ambient*

**bullying** /'bʊliɪŋ/ Noun uncount

*bullying* is behaviour in which someone deliberately hurts or tries to frighten someone else who is weaker than them  
*there's no violence or bullying in the school | we will not tolerate bullying here (will not allow it)*

Verb: *bully* | Noun: *bully*

- *assetjament*

**-ING NOUNS**

The *-ing* form of a verb is often used to make a noun, especially to describe an activity.

*There's no **bullying** in this school.*

*I do **babysitting** to earn some extra money.*

*I go **swimming** every day.*

***Parking** is really difficult in the city centre.*

*We sat in the **waiting** room for two hours.*

**compulsory** /kəm'pʊlsəri/ Adjective

if something is *compulsory*, you must do it because of a law or rule

*English and Maths are both compulsory subjects at my school | I had to do two years of compulsory military service*

Opposite – Adjective: *optional*

*Geography and History are optional subjects, but we suggest you do both*

- *obligatori*

**copy** /'kɒpi/ Verb

if you *copy* something, you write it out exactly in the way it has already been written somewhere else. If you *copy* someone else's work, you write what they wrote and say it is your own work

*we weren't supposed to copy straight out of the textbook | if you're caught copying, you'll be punished*

Noun: *copy*

*she was given a copy of the agreement to sign*

- *copiar*

**deal with** /'di:l wɪð/ Phrasal verb

if you *deal with* something, you do what is necessary to make sure that everything is in order. If you *deal with* a difficult situation, you do what is necessary to stop it being a problem

*how do you deal with bad behaviour? | it's time we dealt with this problem*

- *gestionar / mirar de resoldre*

**essay** /'eseɪ/ Noun

an *essay* is a piece of writing in which someone writes about a particular topic

Collocates: write an *essay*

*I have to write an essay on Shakespeare for homework | hand your essays in by Friday lunchtime*

- redacció

**fail** /feɪl/ Verb

if you *fail* a test or exam, you do not succeed in it

*I was worried that I'd fail | over half my class failed their French test*

Opposite – Verb: *pass*

*she passed her driving test first time*

- suspendre

**get into** /,get 'ɪntuː/ Phrasal verb

if you *get into* a school or university, you succeed in being accepted there as a student

*it's really difficult to get into Harvard or Yale | she got into university when she was just 17*

- entrar

**mixed** /mɪkst/ Adjective

things that are *mixed* involve different parts, some good and some bad. If you have *mixed* feelings about something, you are not sure how you feel about it

Collocates: have *mixed* feelings/emotions

*my first impressions of the school were a bit mixed | he's got mixed feelings about working for a tobacco company*

- barrejat

**qualification** /,kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *qualification* is a piece of paper that shows you have passed certain exams or finished a particular course of study successfully

*what qualification do you get at university? | she's got excellent academic qualifications*

Adjective: *qualified*

- qualificació

**resource** /rɪ'zɔː(r)s/ Noun

*resources* are things that are available to be used, and that are useful

*the Internet is a valuable resource | the country is rich in natural resources (oil, gas, coal, etc.)*

- recurs

**set** /set/ Verb

if you *set* some work, you give it to someone and ask them to do it

*she forgot to set our homework for the weekend | I set myself a target of learning 50 words a week*

- fixar / assignar

**state** /steɪt/ Adjective

a *state* organisation is one that is paid for by the government of a country for anyone to use

*my brothers all went to a state school | you'll qualify for a state pension at the age of 66*

Opposite – Adjective: *private*

*private education is very expensive in the UK*

- estat

**stressed** /strest/ Adjective

if you are *stressed*, you are very worried about something and cannot relax

*I got really stressed before my driving test | you look stressed – why don't you have a day off?*

Noun: *stress*

Collocates: be under *stress*

*he's under a lot of stress at the moment, which is why he looks so unhappy*

- estressat

**stuff** /stʌf/ Noun uncount

in informal English, you can use *stuff* as a general word to refer to any kind of thing or collection of things without saying exactly what they are

*we did football and boxing and stuff like that | we did a lot of fun stuff at the holiday camp*

- cosa (en general)

**technological** /,teknə'lɒdʒɪk(ə)l/ Adjective

*technological* things involve machines and are based on science and modern knowledge

*we have good technological resources here | there has been a lot of technological development over the last ten years*

Adverb: *technologically* | Noun: *technology*

*a technologically advanced machine*

- tecnològic

**test** /test/ Noun

a *test* is a set of questions that you have to answer in order show how much you know about a subject

*I'm revising for my geography test | did you pass the test?*

Verb: *test*

*we were tested twice a week in maths*

- prova

**textbook** /'teks(t),bʊk/ Noun

a *textbook* is a book used in schools or universities, which gives a lot of information about a particular subject

*textbooks are very expensive | can I borrow your textbook for a few minutes?*

- llibre de text

**translate** /træns'leɪt/ Verb

to *translate* means to change written or spoken words from one language into another

Collocates: translate from/into something

*can you translate this into Russian for me? | his book has been translated into 12 different languages*

Noun: *translation* | Noun: *translator*

*an accurate translation*

- *traduir*

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**advantage** /əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/ Noun

an *advantage* is something you have which gives you a better chance of success than the people you are competing with

Collocates: be at an advantage | have an advantage | an unfair advantage

*I had the advantage of being able to speak French which helped me get the job | she had an unfair advantage because her parents gave her so much money*

Opposite – Noun: *disadvantage*

Collocates: be at a disadvantage

*we were at a disadvantage because we arrived late*

- *avantatge*

**arrest** /ə'rest/ Verb

when the police *arrest* someone, they take them away as a prisoner because they think the person has committed a crime

Collocates: arrest someone for something

*police arrested him last night at the house where the body was found | a man was arrested after stealing 10 kilos of bananas*

Noun: *arrest*

Collocates: be under arrest | put someone under arrest

*he was under arrest for murder*

- *detenir*

**challenge** /'tʃæləndʒ/ Verb

if you *challenge* someone, you ask them to prove that they are honest or truthful because you think they have done something wrong

*it's not possible to challenge everyone who might be cheating | he challenged my account of the accident*

- *desafiar*

**claim** /kleɪm/ Verb

if you say that someone *claimed* that something was true, you mean that they said it was true but you do not believe them

*she claimed that she had a degree, but I know that she never went to university | he still claims that he is innocent*

Noun: *claim*

*the company made some false claims about the quality of its products*

- *proclamar*

**complete** /kəm'pli:t/ Verb

if you *complete* something, you finish doing all of it

*I managed to complete two levels on my new computer game | he left before the project was completed*

Adjective: *complete* | Noun: *completion*

*most of my coursework is complete for this term*

- *completar*

**contrary** /'kɒntrəri/ Adjective

if something is true *contrary* to what people think, it really is true, although most people do not realise it and think the situation is different

Collocates: contrary to something

*contrary to expectations, it's not only weaker students who cheat | contrary to common belief, the average age of becoming a grandparent is 51*

- *contrari*

**declare** /dɪ'kleə(r)/ Verb

if you *declare* something, you make a formal and official statement saying it is true

*he was in trouble because he didn't declare all his income last year | the government declared a state of emergency*

Noun: *declaration*

*the American Declaration of Independence*

- *declarar*

**desire** /dɪ'zaɪə(r)/ Noun

someone's *desire* for something is their strong wish to have or achieve that thing

Collocates: a desire for something | a desire to do something | a strong desire

*they have a genuine desire to learn | she had a strong desire for success*

Verb: *desire* | Adjective: *desirable*

- *desig*

**earn** /ɜ:(r)n/ Verb

money you *earn* is the money you are paid for doing your job

*top football players earn millions of pounds a year | she earns a fortune (a lot of money)*

Noun: *earnings*

*average earnings rose again last year*

- *guanyar*

**effort** /'efə(r)t/ Noun

*effort* is the work involved in trying to do something. If you make an *effort* to do something, you try very hard to do it

Collocates: make (an) effort | take effort | put effort into something

*it took a lot of effort to get the piano up the stairs | if you don't make an effort, you'll never pass the exam*

- *esforç*

**emphasis** /'emfəsis/ Noun

*emphasis* is special importance that something has, which affects the way you deal with it

Collocates: place/put emphasis on something

*kids are growing up in a world where great emphasis is placed on money and winning | the emphasis here is on speaking and listening rather than reading and writing*

- *èmfasi*

**expenses** /ɪk'spensɪz/ Noun plural

your *expenses* are the amounts of your own money that you spend in the course of doing your job, and that your employer gives back to you separately from your salary

Collocates: claim expenses

*several politicians were caught lying about their expenses | the company owes me hundreds of pounds in expenses*

- *despeses*

**impatient** /ɪm'peɪʃ(ə)nt/ Adjective

someone who is *impatient* loses interest or becomes angry or upset when something takes a long time

*technology can make people impatient | he was very impatient with his children*

Adverb: *impatiently* || Opposites – Adjective: *patient* |

Adverb: *patiently*

*the captain shook his head impatiently*

- *impacient*

**offer** /'ɒfə(r)/ Verb

if something *offers* an opportunity, it makes it available

*cheating offers a way to succeed without trying | the university offers courses in medicine as well as in science and computing | the job offers me good career opportunities*

- *oferir*

**pressure** /'preʃə(r)/ Noun

*pressure* is a feeling of worry that you have when you know that it is important for you to succeed in doing something

Collocates: be under pressure | put pressure on someone

*kids are under extreme pressure to succeed | my dad put a lot of pressure on me to get into Oxford*

- *pressió*

**pretend** /prɪ'tend/ Verb

if you *pretend*, you behave in a way that deliberately suggests something about you that is not true

Collocates: pretend to do something

*I pretended the essay was all my own work | she had decided to pretend that nothing had happened | we all thought he'd hurt himself, but he was only pretending*

- *fer veure*

**profit** /'prɒfɪt/ Noun

*profit* is money that you get by selling something or doing business. Your *profit* is the difference between the amount it cost you to produce the thing you sold and the amount you received when you sold it

Collocates: make a profit | sell something at a profit | profits rise/fall

*the company made a profit of £10m last year | profits rose for the third year in a row*

- *benefici*

**push** /pʊʃ/ Verb

if you *push* someone to do something, you make them do it by encouraging them very firmly or forcing them to do it

Collocates: push someone to do something | push someone into doing something

*parents and schools often push kids to get the best test scores | they pushed me into going to university*

- *empènyer*

**question** /'kwɛstʃ(ə)n/ Verb

if you *question* someone, you ask them what they think about something

*the majority of the students questioned said they had cheated | the survey questioned travellers as they returned to the UK from India*

- *preguntar*

**resign** /rɪ'zaɪn/ Verb

if you *resign*, you say officially that you are going to leave your job

Collocates: resign from something | resign as something | resign something

*she had to resign when she was caught lying about her expenses | he's resigning from his post as sales director*

Noun: *resignation*

Collocates: offer/submit your resignation | accept/reject someone's resignation

*the committee reluctantly accepted her resignation*

• *dimitir*

**survey** /'sɜ:(r)veɪ/ Noun

a *survey* is a set of questions that a lot of people are asked in order to find out what their opinions are

Collocates: carry out a survey | conduct a survey

*in a recent survey, many students said they cheated | the survey was carried out online and by phone*

Verb: *survey*

• *enquesta*

**tax** /tæks/ Noun

*tax* is money that you have to pay to the government. *Income tax* is a part of your earnings that you have to pay, and *purchase tax* or *sales tax* is part of the price of something that you buy which goes to the government

Collocates: income tax | sales/purchase tax

*there's a 6% sales tax on top of the original price | income tax was raised to 24% last year*

Verb: *tax*

*any income over £60,000 is taxed at 40%*

• *impost*

**technology** /tek'nɒlədʒi/ Noun

*technology* is the use of science and modern knowledge in making machines

Collocates: new/modern technology

*students are using technology to help them cheat | modern technology has helped economic growth*

Adjective: *technological*

*there has been a lot of technological development over the last ten years*

• *tecnologia*

**tempt** /tempt/ Verb

if something *tempts* you, or if you are *tempted* by it, it makes you want to do it or have it, although you think you shouldn't

Collocates: be tempted to do something | tempt someone to do something

*of course people are tempted to cheat | weren't you tempted by the offer?*

Adjective: *tempting* | Noun: *temptation*

Collocates: resist temptation

*we received a very tempting offer for the house*

• *temptar*

**value** /'vælju:/ Verb

if you *value* something, you think it is good and important

*some schools value test scores more than real learning | I value my friendship with you*

• *valorar*

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**expand** /ɪk'spænd/ Verb

if something *expands*, it increases in size or number

*student numbers expanded by 20% last year | do you have any plans to expand the business operation in Hong Kong?*

Noun: *expansion*

*we have exciting plans for expansion*

• *expandir-se*

**gene** /dʒi:n/ Noun

your *genes* are the parts in the cells of your body that control what you look like and other things about your body

*they've found the gene that causes the disease | we pass on our genes to our children*

Adjective: *genetic*

*the disease is caused by a genetic defect (a problem in someone's genes)*

• *gen*

**muscle** /'mʌs(ə)l/ Noun

your *muscles* are the parts of your body that give you the strength to move your body, lift things, push things, etc.

*my leg muscles really hurt | I pulled a muscle when I was out running (I stretched a muscle too much and it is painful)*

• *múscul*