

University Life



1) Read the text. Five sentences have been removed. Match each gap (1-5) with a sentence (A-F) given in the box on the right.

There are over 1.5 million full-time university students in the UK, studying at over 100 universities across the country.

Students usually require three or four good A-level grades to get a place at university. For most courses, students apply in the January of their final year of school. **1**_____

Most degree courses are three years long, but four-year courses are becoming more popular with one year spent either abroad or working in industry.

Most British campus universities were built in the 1960s and 70s. Traditionally universities had grown in the centres of cities. **2**_____

At campus universities the students' social lives centre mainly around the student union. Wednesday afternoons are usually reserved for sport at UK universities, with inter-university league matches happening across the country in a wide range of sports.

3_____ Large lecture theatres can hold up to 300 students. Students may also attend smaller lectures and seminars where more student participation is encouraged.

Students rely more and more on online learning as part of their university studies these days. **4**_____

Most UK students attend universities quite far away from their home towns. At campus universities most first year students live onsite in Halls of Residence. The accommodation is owned by the university. Students usually have their own room, with internet access. **5**_____

In the UK, university is often seen as a stepping-stone to adulthood and is considered to be as much about life experience as it is about getting a degree.

A) The new universities were built outside the cities.

B) They have to share a bathroom and kitchen with several other students.

C) University teaching methods vary from course to course.

D) They don't find out if they have got a place until the exam results are published in August.

E) Universities are adapting their study facilities to help students with these needs.

3) Match the beginnings and the endings of these sentences.

1 I'm applying for

2 He needs good A-level

3 My degree

4 There are excellent study

5 She studied at a campus

6 More students are choosing to study

7 Six students can attend the

a) course starts in September.

b) seminar on Thursday.

c) grades.

d) online.

e) a place at university

f) facilities.

g) university in the USA.

2) Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

1. There are over 1.5 million full-time university students in the United Kingdom. _____

2. There are about 100 universities in the UK. _____

3. Students need two or three good A-level results for most degree courses in the UK. _____

4. Students study at British universities for three or four years. _____

5. All UK students work abroad or in industry for a year. _____

6. Most UK students go to a university near their family home. _____

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