

Student Life – Teacher's Notes

Aim

This lesson looks at the British system for applying to and entering universities. It outlines the steps / process and gives a clear guide to how the application system works. Students are then asked to compare it to the process in their own countries.

Warmer

On the board write the words *Going to university*. Ask students to work in small groups and make notes about what they know about the application system in their country. Give the groups a short time limit and then ask a few students to report back to the class. Write up the information on the board.

1 Reading

- Put students in pairs and ask them to discuss the first two questions.
- Monitor and help where necessary.
- Ask a few students to report back to the class and write any ideas up on the board.
- Get students to read through the article and see how much they knew.

Note

Don't discuss the content of the article yet.

2 Comprehension

- Explain to the students that there are two comprehension tasks.
- Put students in pairs and ask them to complete both tasks. Encourage them to work together and help each other.
- Monitor and help where necessary.
- Check the answers to both tasks as a class.

Answers

A

1 *Decide what subject to study*

2 *Choose which university to apply to*

3 *Complete your application form*

4 *Go for interviews*

5 *Receive an offer*

6 *Take you (A level) exams.*

B

1 T 2 F 3 F (up to 6) 4 T 5 F 6 F

3 Vocabulary

- Tell students to find the words (1-9) in the article and to circle each word.
- Then ask them to match the words to the correct synonyms (a-i). Suggest that they look at the words in the article and try to decide from the context which of the synonyms could replace each word.
- Put students in pairs and get them to check their answers together.
- Monitor and help where necessary.
- Check as a class.

Answers

1b 2e 3a 4h 5c 6d 7g 8i 9f

4 Speaking

- Put students in groups and ask them to discuss the three questions.
- Monitor and help where necessary.
- Finally, discuss the questions as a class. If you want, you could conduct a class survey about what people would like to study at university.

5 Writing

- Explain the task.
- Encourage students to make notes before they start writing their letters.

Note

This could be set as homework and, if necessary, students could be asked to do some research.

Websites

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/israel-learning-study-in-the-uk.htm>

Lots of information about studying in the UK. Click on the Education UK link or do a Search for specific information on UCAS.

<http://wwwucas.com/students/>

The UCAS advice centre (website) has all the information you could need in terms of what to do if you want to apply to a British university.