## Education

# HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE EDUCATION AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OUR SOCIETY?

Here are some powerful education quotes to help you appreciate the power of learning and gaining knowledge:

to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

Malcolm X

Upon the subject of education ...

I can only say that
I view it as the most
important subject
which we as a people
may be engaged in.

Abraham Lincoln

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey

The learning process continues until the day you die.

Kirk Douglas

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

Develop a passion for learning.

If you do,

you will never cease to grow.

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

Robert Frost

Read the text and fill in the following expressions:

catered tuition only compared admit further raise entrance degrees appointing mature grants

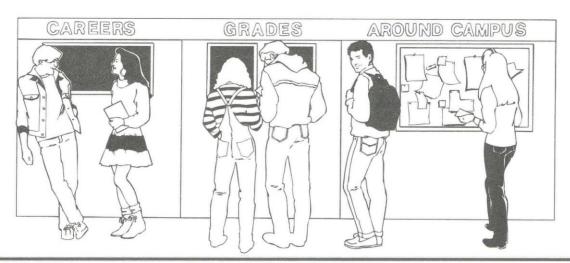
#### **Universities and Higher Education Colleges**

There are 89 publicly-funded universities in the UK, counting the Universities of Wales and London as single institutions and including the Open University and 65 other higher education institutions. The University of Buckingham is the 1\_\_\_\_\_\_ independent university. There are about 3,000 private colleges providing both higher and 2\_\_\_\_\_\_ education. Some 300 further education colleges also offer higher education courses.

Universities and most other higher education institutions enjoy complete academic freedom, 3\_\_\_\_\_\_ their own staff and deciding which students to 4\_\_\_\_\_, what and how to teach, and which 5\_\_\_\_\_ to award. Most first-degree courses last between two and four years.

More young p	eople are entering h	igher educat	ion than
ever before – a	bout one in three, a	s <b>6</b> t	o one in
eight in 1979.	More recent unive	ersities and	colleges
have <b>7</b>	_ increasingly to 8_	stud	ents and
those without traditional 9q		_ qualificati	ons.
Higher educat	tion institutions are	e mainly fur	nded by

central government 10\_\_\_\_\_ paid through the Higher Education Funding Council and from tuition fees. British students usually have their 11\_\_\_\_\_ fees paid for them by their local education authority. Many institutions also receive funding for research from Research Councils, charities, and industry. Universities and higher education colleges are also known to 12\_\_\_\_\_ finance from the private sector.



### University

higher education
college
Oxbridge
entrance examination / admission
to be admitted to
to study humanities
science
law
medicine
dentistry
computer science
at technical university
at business school

at School of Economics

to concentrate / focus on

campus
assembly hall
dining hall
lecture hall
library
halls of residence / hostel (GB) /
dormitory (US)
to apply for a scholarship
to be eligible for
to get a grant / financial aid
loan
to enrol (GB) / enroll (US)
enrolment
academic year
term / semester (US)
to take a course

to change schools

student / undegraduate professor to lecture / read chancellor (GB) / president (US) dean department head tutor teaching assistant (T.A.) credit paper to graduate from \_\_\_\_ with honours to get a degree in st to have a degree in st bachelor master BA, BA (Hons), MA, PhD, BSc graduation ceremony

#### **DISCUSS IN PAIRS**

What are some qualities of a good student? What are some qualities of a good teacher? Why are you attending college/university? Why did you choose to study IT?

Do you prefer to study with friends/classmates or to study alone? What are some advantages of studying alone? Disadvantages? What are some advantages of studying in groups? Disadvantages? Where is the best place for you to study? Why?

Do you think that secondary education should be provided free to all citizens? Why or why not?

How has online learning impacted universities? Do you think that in-person education is more effective than online or remote education?