

EPISODE 78
LEVEL A1.2/A2.1

READING COMPREHENSION



HIGHER EDUCATION

"I have just **graduated from university** (= finished) and I have **graduated in chemistry** (= I am a qualified chemist now). I am **a graduate of Warsaw University** (= I finished Warsaw University). I know it's not easy to **get a university degree in chemistry** (= it's not easy to become a chemist), but I like **science courses** (= lessons to do with maths, physics, chemistry). I got **a higher degree** (= you get it when you study for five years). I think I will stay at university to **do research** (= I will work at university to do a detailed study of a subject). I have always wanted to do that"



More contexts for the new words:

- He got a **bachelor's degree** last year. (= a degree you get when you study for three years)
- She is **doing some research on** cancer. (= She is trying to find out as much as possible about cancer.)
- I had very good dinner last night, the **main course** was really delicious. (= the most important part of this dinner: potatoes, meat and some salad, was really good)
- I got **a master's degree** last year. (= I got a higher degree last year)



EXERCISE 1

Complete each gap with one word.

1. I have always wanted to research at university.
2. She got a university degree history.
3. Mark is a graduate Cambridge University.
4. Susan is going to graduate university next year.
5. After five years of studies, I graduated physics.
6. Phil is good at courses: maths, physics, chemistry, etc.



EXERCISE 2

Add the missing vowels (a, e, l, o, u) and then answer the questions.

1. What subject did you GRDT in?
2. Would you ever like to do RSRCH? Why? / Why not?
3. Do you prefer to study humanities or SCNC? Why?

ENGLISH IN USE



When you say "I **have** always **wanted** to do that", you think about your whole life. When you talk about your whole life and you don't say when something happened, it's a good idea to use present perfect. And some more examples to look at:

- I **have** always **wanted** to become an actor.*
- I **have** never **been** to London.*
- I **have** **visited** Krakow many times in my life.*

IDIOM CLOSE-UP



- A/ What do you think is the main difference between secondary and higher education?
- B/ At the university the professors do not **CALL THE ROLL!**

When the teacher **calls the roll**, they read the official list of names and expect the students to answer if they are present.

PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP



1. When you **JOT** something **DOWN**, you write it down so that you can remember it later.

***Jotting down** vital information will really help your memory.
He **jotted down** my name on a piece of paper.*

2. When you **FIGURE** something **OUT**, you are able to understand something or to solve a problem.

*I couldn't **figure out** what the lecturer was talking about.
I can't **figure out** where I've put the keys. Do you remember?*



EXERCISE 3

Match the conversation halves.

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| 1. We had to figure out | a. so that you don't forget. |
| 2. When the class starts | b. the teacher calls the roll. |
| 3. Jot down the dates | c. the connection between the two facts. |

NEWS



UNIVERSITY SHUT DOWN

Another private university in Warsaw has just announced that it is forced to **cease** operating. That gives us a total of seven institutions of higher education which have shut down this year – only in the capital. Experts say that the **setback** is due to demographic trends – the baby boom crowds have already exited education age, and now the schools are facing a demographic low. Another problem is connected with the **dubious** quality of education offered by these private institutions. Some say that the universities wouldn't have to shut down if they offered high quality teaching, and not just an easy degree.

GLOSSARY

- **cease** – stop
- **setback** – problematic situation
- **dubious** – doubtful

KEY TO EXERCISES

Ex.1

1. do
2. in
3. of
4. from
5. in
6. science

Ex.2

1. graduate
2. research
3. science

Ex.3

1. c
2. b

3. a