

Open cloze

1 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Choosing the right A levels

Choosing which A levels to take is a big decision and it needs to be given a lot of thought.

⁰*Although/While* the majority of study programmes have no specific subject requirements, an academically rigorous selection will be a must for top universities.

If you ¹ _____ studying law at university, a good A level set might include History, English Literature, a foreign language and Economics. History and English Literature are essay-based subjects. They will help develop your ability to form arguments, as ² _____ as a broad knowledge base. Taking a foreign language will keep the options of a year abroad or joint study open, and Economics provides some financial background.

³ _____ option is the law A level, but there is some debate over its worth, so ensure the universities you take into consideration don't have it listed as a non-preferred subject.

This choice, however, is only intended as a guide and by no means ⁴ _____ you have to take these A levels to do a law degree.

Gapped sentences

2 Complete each set of three sentences with the same word in each gap.

- 0 a Cardiovascular disease is still the most *common* cause of death in many developed countries.
 b It's quite *common* for students to stay up late revising the night before an exam.
 c No special knowledge is necessary to complete the task, just use *common* sense.
- 1 a This fish casserole tastes none the worse for being served _____ .
 b I was planning to go on a mountain expedition but I got _____ feet and pulled out.
 c Jack had a peculiar sense of humour and his jokes usually left everyone _____ .
- 2 a How about _____ a taxi? Actually, for the three of us it might be cheaper than going by bus.
 b Undoubtedly, _____ the same concerns about the future of the school helped the teachers make a unanimous decision about what action to take.
 c I've heard him _____ his travel experiences on several occasions. He's a brilliant speaker.
- 3 a Even a young IT specialist can easily find a well-paid job – my brother is a _____ in point.
 b Their lawyers were confident we would win the _____ and be awarded compensation.
 c Can you put the DVD back in its _____, please?
- 4 a The quaint little town worked its magic and it felt as if time had _____ still.
 b Wearing a flamboyant yellow coat, she clearly _____ out from the crowd.
 c Even if we'd studied more, we wouldn't have _____ a chance of passing that exam.

WORD STORE 2A | Exaggerated synonyms

- 1 situation full of problems = *minefield*
- 2 overwhelmed by = _____
- 3 repeat = _____
- 4 moving = _____
- 5 very busy = _____
- 6 a lot of advice = _____
- 7 reminding = _____
- 8 exhausted = _____
- 9 covered = _____
- 10 upcoming = _____

WORD STORE 2B | Phrasal verbs

- 1 find sth = *come by sth*
- 2 having a problem to deal with = _____
- 3 achieve sth = _____
- 4 happening before sth = _____
- 5 take effect = _____
- 6 arrange sth in a clear way = _____
- 7 adding sth to get it to the level you want = _____

WORD STORE 2C | **EXTRA** Phrasal verbs with up

- 1 try to have enough of sth = *summon sth up*
- 2 invent sth = _____
- 3 collect or accumulate sth = _____
- 4 enjoy experiencing sth = _____
- 5 become less serious or upset = _____
- 6 practise and improve a skill = _____

WORD STORE 2D | Relaxed/stressed

Relaxed

- 1 *keep* things in perspective
- 2 _____ a grip
- 3 a weight has been _____
- 4 a _____ comes over me
- 5 take exams in my _____
- 6 sail _____ exams

Stressed

- 7 a bundle of _____
- 8 my _____ is pounding
- 9 my mind goes _____
- 10 butterflies in my _____
- 11 a _____ wreck
- 12 _____ of my depth

WORD STORE 2E | Collocations

from the crowd it serious thought
 reservations the deadlines the idea
 the monotony

- 1 break *the monotony*
- 2 dismiss _____
- 3 give _____
- 4 have _____
- 5 meet _____
- 6 stand out _____

WORD STORE 2F | Phrases

affinity ~~boat~~ composure concerns
 head initiative sense expertise

- 1 be in the same *boat*
- 2 share their _____
- 3 clear my _____
- 4 use your _____
- 5 keep your _____
- 6 feel a(n) _____ with
- 7 use common _____
- 8 share the same _____