

UNIT 4 A NEW LOOK AT LEARNING

1 VOCABULARY: verb collocations

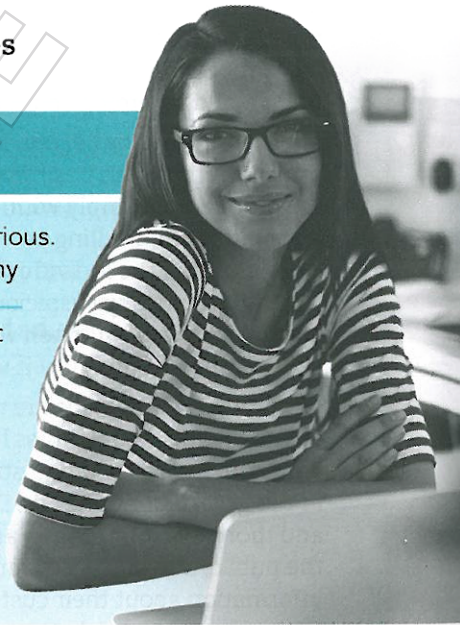
A Match each verb or phrase (1–6) to a list of typical collocations (a–f).

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| 1 drop out of | a) choices/courses/alternatives |
| 2 set | b) account/consideration |
| 3 be faced with | c) a class/a group/university |
| 4 take into | d) a university degree/into debt/a chance/a taste/a university education |
| 5 get | e) problems/distractions/peer pressure |
| 6 offer a broad range of | f) goals/a date/a time/a schedule |

B Complete the advertisement with the correct form of the phrases from Exercise A.

Axford University

'When I (1) _____ university for the second time, my parents were furious. I don't blame them. After all, they (2) _____ the problem of paying my tuition fees. But I thought I had ruined my chances forever of (3) _____ a university degree until I discovered online learning with Axford University. And it really works for me! Now I (4) _____ my own goals and I (5) _____ not _____ the distractions I had on campus – or large tuition fees! Axford University (6) _____ online classes, so there are options for everyone. The classes (7) _____ our different learning styles _____ account, so that they work for you! And we (8) _____ the chance to talk to a tutor once a week. So, if on-campus university is not for you, try online learning with Axford University. It's great!'



2 GRAMMAR: relative pronouns with -ever

A Complete the sentences with the correct relative pronoun: *whatever*, *whenever*, *however*, *whoever* or *wherever*.

- 1 You can use this app to help you study _____ you are – even in the bathroom!
- 2 Sarah always finishes at the top of the class, _____ test she takes.
- 3 _____ wants to take this class is welcome – just register online.
- 4 _____ you want to study is up to you. For example, working alone, in groups, online – anything is OK.
- 5 You can call me _____ you like – I'll always be happy to help.

WHAT'S RIGHT?

- ~~X~~ Whatever you cook for dinner, I'm sure they will be delicious.
- ✓ Whatever you cook for dinner, I'm sure _____ delicious.

B Read the email on page 23 and underline the four relative pronoun mistakes. Write the correct sentences.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

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Send

Dear Professor Broudy,

I hope you don't mind me writing to you. My name is Pascale Dubois, and I took your film studies class last term. I enjoyed it very much! Whatever we studied topic, you always stimulated the class. So, I'd really like to take your class again, but I have some questions.

This coming term, I see that you're teaching Advanced Film Studies, but it's an online class. So, does that mean we can view each week's material whenever we want, or is there an assigned meeting time for viewing? Also, I noticed that there are four essays we need to submit across the term. Do we have to submit online, or can we submit whenever we want (for example, giving to you in person, leaving in your postbox, and so on)? Finally, whoever wants to join the class are able to – is that correct? I'm asking because my friend is actually studying economics, but he's heard really good things about your class and he wants to take it too.

3 LISTENING: understanding non-native English speakers

A  **06** Listen to three speakers. One is from Brazil, one from the United Arab Emirates and one from Germany. Listen carefully to their accents and decide where each speaker is from.

Speaker 1	a) Brazil	b) United Arab Emirates	c) Germany
Speaker 2	a) Brazil	b) United Arab Emirates	c) Germany
Speaker 3	a) Brazil	b) United Arab Emirates	c) Germany

B Listen again and choose the correct option to answer the questions.

- According to speaker 1, why do more people prefer subjects like media studies these days?
 - They are easier.
 - They are more interesting.
 - They are more practical.
- What does speaker 1 think about more people doing internships?
 - It's a great idea.
 - It's a bad idea.
 - Not sure if it's a good idea or not.
- According to speaker 2, who are the online courses mostly aimed at?
 - People in urban areas.
 - People in rural areas.
 - People with mobile phones.
- Why does speaker 2 think many people drop out of online courses?
 - They feel separated from other people.
 - They don't discipline themselves.
 - They don't like living in rural areas.
- How does speaker 3 describe the equipment at the universities?
 - It's very old.
 - It's of bad quality.
 - It's very modern.
- According to speaker 3, which of the following is true?
 - Students from far away cannot stay at the campus.
 - The culture and customs of other countries are given priority.
 - The teaching has an international outlook.

4 GRAMMAR: mixed conditionals

A Choose the correct meaning of each sentence.

- If I had better IT skills, I probably would have got a better job.
 - I have good IT skills, but I didn't get a very good job.
 - I didn't get a very good job because I don't have good IT skills.
- I would be unemployed now if I hadn't studied IT.
 - I have a job now because I studied IT.
 - I don't have a job now because I didn't study IT.

B Complete the sentences using *would*, *wouldn't*, *had* or *hadn't*.

- If you _____ taken this job, where would you be working now?
- If we had studied harder in university, we _____ have well-paid jobs now.
- My English would be better if my teacher _____ used a better methodology.
- If I had studied statistics, I _____ need to take a course in it now.
- I think I _____ have better managerial skills if I'd chosen business studies.
- If we _____ missed so many computer programming classes, we would know how to code this software.

C Read the conversation. Then complete the sentences using mixed conditionals and the verbs in brackets.

Zara: Did you read that article about overseas students? It says they used to like studying here in the UK, but now they prefer the USA because they have a friendlier study environment!

Luke: I can believe that. And we haven't invested enough in state-of-the-art equipment. Many overseas students prefer Australia now because it has invested in facilities.

Zara: That's a shame. We've lost a lot of overseas students because of that lack of investment. I think we overcharge, too, and that's another reason fewer students come from abroad. A lot of students are looking for more reasonably priced courses. I heard Southeast Asia is getting a lot more interest.

Luke: Right! And we haven't done enough to advertise. Other places have made more of an effort to promote themselves, and that's helped them attract a lot more students. We should do the same, and perhaps then more students would want to stay here.

- If the UK had had a friendlier study environment, more overseas students _____ (choose) to study there.
- Australia wouldn't attract so many overseas students if it _____ (invest) in facilities.
- If the UK had invested in better equipment, more overseas students _____ (prefer) to study there.
- If the UK didn't overcharge, it _____ (lose) a lot of overseas students.
- If other places _____ (promote) themselves, they wouldn't be so popular now.
- If the UK promoted itself more, more overseas students _____ (stay).

WHAT'S RIGHT?

- If I would have paid more attention in IT, I would know more now.
- _____ more attention in IT, I would know more now.

5 VOCABULARY: words related to *stand*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words and phrases from the box.

it stands to reason outstanding stand a chance stand back
stand out standard standing where something/someone stands

- 1 A degree from a university of high _____ used to guarantee you a good job – but not anymore!
- 2 People who drop out of school don't _____ of getting into a top university.
- 3 _____ that if you skip a lot of classes and don't do the assignments, your marks will be very low.
- 4 From _____ I'm _____, you deserve to be very successful – I've watched you work really hard for many years!
- 5 Nowadays, _____ in hiring have changed. Employers want more.
- 6 Candidates _____ more if they have writing and management skills.
- 7 The best, or most _____ candidates, are those with 'soft skills'.
- 8 I can't believe that. You saw him cheat on the test and you just _____ and did nothing.

6 WRITING: sentence variety – punctuation with connectors

A Read the public's comments in response to an online article about falling educational standards. Underline at least two connectors in each post.

What is the professor's conclusion? Opinion **The Daily Opinion**

WORLD BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE SPORTS ARTS LIFESTYLE OPINION

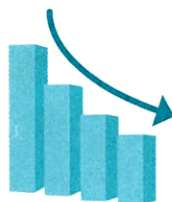
Failing standards, failing nation by Dave Lemont
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1 **R. Shaw, Boston, 9.30am**
Because the young are more interested in the life of reality show celebrities and other so-called stars they don't care about important issues anymore. And their parents don't care either!

2 **jimmyt, Adelaide, 10.07am**
@R. Shaw: I sort of agree with you, however, has it occurred to you that the fault lies with the media itself, not with the young or the parents? Even though, the majority of people want to be informed about important issues, a lot of media attention is on scandal and gossip.

3 **tc1999, Osaka, 10.41am**
Although you're right to say students could help themselves more it's unfair to blame them since the cost of getting a degree is huge. If it hadn't become so expensive, more people would study.

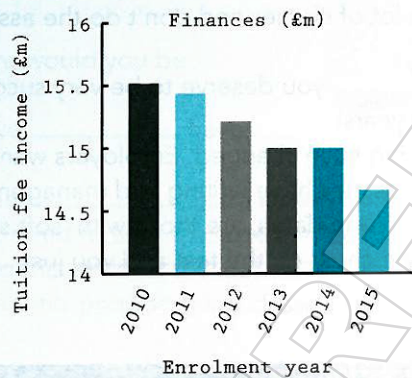
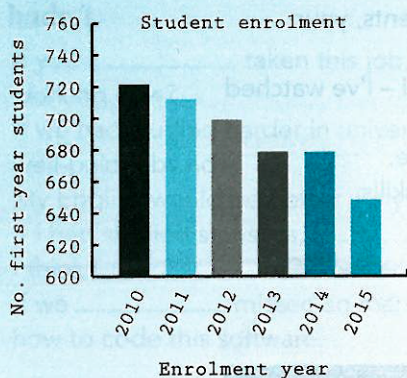
4 **marie Marie, Nice, 11.44am**
It is often said that today's young are tomorrow's leaders. Therefore it stands to reason that today's parents are the parents of tomorrow's leaders. You blame the young but maybe you should stand back from the situation and take a good look at today's parents!



B Find six punctuation mistakes in Exercise A. Rewrite each sentence with the correct punctuation.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

Western University Internal memo:
re: 5-year planning
student enrolment and financial situation -
crisis management

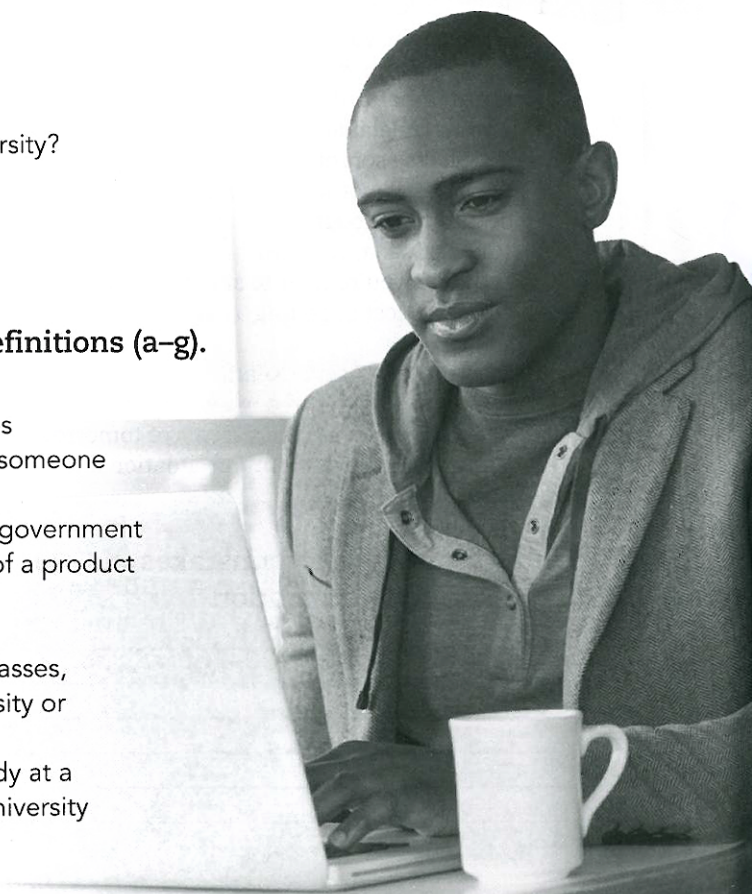



A Look at the charts. Choose the correct option to answer the questions.

- What is the difference between the number of first-year students in 2010 and 2013 at Western University?
 - 40 more students in 2013
 - 40 fewer students in 2013
 - 50 more students in 2013
 - 50 fewer students in 2013
- What is the best way to describe the finances of Western University?
 - healthy
 - growing
 - declining
 - bankrupt
- What word best predicts the future for Western University?
 - declining
 - improving
 - cautious
 - outstanding

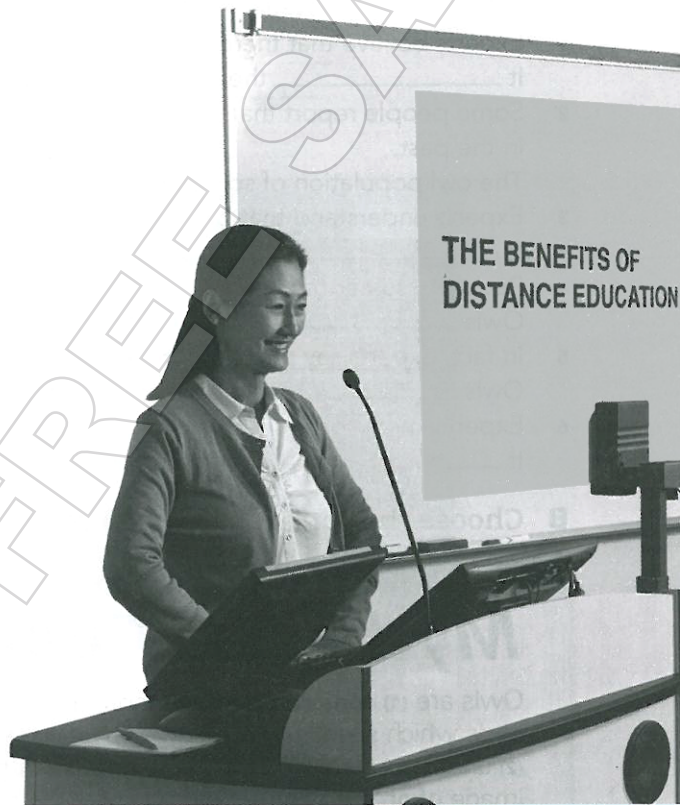
B Match the words and phrases (1-7) to the definitions (a-g).

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| 1 curriculum (n.) | a) to become less or worse |
| | b) income from business activities |
| 2 decline (v.) | c) an amount of something that someone is officially allowed to have |
| | d) an amount of money that the government pays to help reduce the cost of a product or service |
| 3 potential (adj.) | e) possible or likely in the future |
| 4 quota (n.) | f) money that you pay to take classes, especially at a college, university or private school |
| 5 revenue (n.) | g) the subjects that students study at a particular school or college/university |
| 6 subsidy (n.) | |
| 7 tuition fees (n.) | |



C  **07** Listen to a professor give a talk to her colleagues. Choose the correct option to answer the questions.

- 1 How does the professor describe the Western University's reputation?
 - a) terrible
 - b) bad
 - c) average
 - d) good
- 2 How is Western University's equipment described?
 - a) old-fashioned
 - b) modern
 - c) expensive
 - d) cheap
- 3 What does DE stand for?
 - a) distance e-learning
 - b) deeper e-learning
 - c) distance education
 - d) deeper education
- 4 What does the professor not mention as a benefit of DE?
 - a) It's less expensive.
 - b) There's more flexibility.
 - c) There's no inconvenience of commuting to campus.
 - d) It's easier to generate academic discussions online.
- 5 What is the professor's conclusion?
 - a) It's too late to start DE.
 - b) It's not too late to start DE.
 - c) Western University should not have adapted sooner.
 - d) Western University should wait before moving to DE.



D Listen again and complete the notes with a number or a word.

Government wants to reduce # of colleges & universities - will do this over the next (1) _____ years
 If uni doesn't meet quota 5 years in a row, the government will cut (2) _____
 Education not poor (3) _____ - otherwise students would have left years ago
 University of London started distance learning degrees > (4) _____ years ago
 (5) _____ % of colleges and universities now have online classes
 (6) _____ % of community colleges have a website for DE students
 (7) _____ % of students think online classes = more flexibility
 Since 2000, market for online classes grown by (8) _____ %

E Would you prefer to take a traditional classroom-based course or a distance education course? Write an essay outlining which you would prefer and why. Write 200–260 words.