Unit 1 Live and learn

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College can be a very important time. Not only can you study subjects you are passionate about, you also have a chance to meet new people, get a fresh view of the world around you and start to plan for your future. We asked some college students to share their experiences with us.

Student 1: I'm here to study English for the second semester only, so I've just arrived. Everything is still very new for me, but I've already met a lot of really friendly, interesting people. I'm starting my classes next week and I've been spending a lot of time preparing for them … mostly speaking with people in English, which I really enjoy anyway. I also do judo, so I've been thinking about joining the judo club.

Student 2: I'm a law student here. The courses are great, but I really want to put what I've been learning into practice. So, I've been thinking about what I can do this summer, after the semester finishes. Last year, I went back home and just sat and watched TV all day. I don't want to waste my time again this year, so I've been looking for a summer job at a law firm. I want to be a lawyer in the future, and I think this could be really good experience for me. It will definitely be out of my comfort zone! None of the law firms have replied to me yet, but I won't give up!

Student 3: I'm studying English literature – I love reading and talking about the books I've read – but to be honest I haven't been studying very hard. I spent last year having too much fun with my friends, instead of working. I regret that now! I'm going to take some extra classes this semester. They haven't started yet, but I hope I can catch up on what I missed last year.

Student 4: I've been taking a course in Film studies, and I've really been enjoying it. In the future, I want to be a film director, so this course is perfect for me. Each week, we watch two or three films – usually films by the same director, or of the same genre – and then we take time in the class to discuss the films. We talk about themes, camera angles, lighting … everything! We've just started looking at horror movies from the 1990s – scary, but still really interesting!

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