UNIT 1

A new start

Vocabulary and structure

1 **Match the phrasal verbs with their meanings.**

find out	miss out (on)	point out
rent out	run out (of)	start out
try out	turn out	work out

1 to tell someone something
2 to lose a chance to do something
3 to allow a place that you own to be used by someone who pays you for it
4 to use all of something and not have any left
5 to find the answer to a problem
6 to develop in a certain way or to have a certain result
7 to test something to see what it is like
8 to begin your career
9 to discover

2 **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in Activity 1.**

1 After six weeks at university I _____ of money and had nothing in the bank. I didn't want my parents to know but they _____.
2 Mary wanted to go shopping but her friend _____ that they had a lecture in half an hour.
3 It was a difficult maths problem but I _____ the answer.
4 I've just bought a new computer and I'm going to _____ it _____ this afternoon.
5 Our family had a very large house and as a way of making extra money my parents _____ two rooms to students. We liked the students a lot so the plan _____ very well.

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6 My oldest sister _____ as a French teacher and then became an English teacher.
7 There are many interesting clubs at university and you shouldn't _____ the chance to join them.

3 Read the information.

Word formation

Adjective suffix	Noun suffix	Examples
–ant	–ance	brilliant — brilliance ignorant — ignorance
–ent	–ence	intelligent — intelligence confident — confidence

Now complete the sentences by adding a suitable suffix in the table to the words in brackets.

1 In order to get into university you need to have quite a high level of _____. (intellig-)
2 At the age of eighteen, when you first go to university, you are really quite young and _____ (innoc-). As a result, you may not feel very _____ at first. (confid-)
3 I told my tutor I knew nothing about the subject and he was astonished by my _____. (ignor-)
4 I find it difficult to write an essay unless there is complete _____. (sil-)
5 Living on campus is very _____ for lectures as you can get to them very quickly. (conveni-)
6 Luke couldn't understand his tutor's explanation but his tutor was very _____ and repeated it several times. (pati-)
7 The _____ of my friend Jane sometimes makes me feel rather stupid! (brilli-)

4 Underline the correct words to complete each sentence.

1 There were more than 100 students at the *seminar* / *lecture* and some of them had to stand.
2 Students don't have much money and tend to *hire* / *rent* inexpensive rooms in the cheaper parts of town.
3 After working in a *job* / *career* where I met very few people, I decided to look for work where I would meet people all the time.

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4 During the second and final *term / semester* at university, students are usually required to take exams.
5 There's a *wardrobe / cupboard* in the kitchen that's broken and we need to mend it.
6 A small group of us met our English *lecturer / tutor* in his room today. He gave us a long reading list and *homework / an assignment* which we have to hand in next week.

5 Read the passage *Settling down at college around the world*. Find the words in the box and underline them.

allowance	bother	complicated
dorm	guidance	kid
realize	responsibility	responsible

Now, complete the paragraph with the correct form of these words.

There's a huge difference between school and university. At school, everyone sees you as a child, and the truth is, that's what you are — a (1) _____. Your parents and teachers make decisions for you and you don't have any real (2) _____. But once you get to university, everything changes. Suddenly, you're (3) _____ for yourself and there's no one to give you the kind of advice and (4) _____ you received at school. No one's going to tell you to get up in the mornings, and you don't have to (5) _____ to go to lectures if you don't want to! You have to be very careful with your (6) _____, as it's very easy to spend too much money. It can take a long time to make good friends and you may share a (7) _____ at night with people who are very different from you. As a result, life can seem much more (8) _____ than when you were at school, when everything was very simple. But after some time you (9) _____ the truth — you're an adult and that's fantastic!

6 Underline the correct words to complete the paragraph.

First I have to confess I was very nervous (1) *about / with* being a student (2) *at / in* university. I was very proud (3) *with / of* myself for getting there, but (4) *in / at* the same time I was responsible (5) *for / to* myself for the first time (6) *of / in* my life and this scared me! But after (7) *about / in* six weeks I realized it wasn't so hard being a student. It's important (8) *to / for* be realistic (9) *about / with* your work and make sure you have enough time for it. It's also a good idea to be careful (10) *about / with* your allowance. As long as you do these things, you can have a good time — no problem!

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7 Form compound nouns with the words in the box.

card	list	money	party	society	year

1 reading _____ 2 debating _____ 3 dinner _____
4 pocket _____ 5 gap _____ 6 identity _____

8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the compound nouns you formed in Activity 7.

1 Gina joined the _____ in her first year and found that she was excellent at speaking in public.
2 Getting _____ from your parents is very different to having an allowance, as you do at university.
3 All the students were asked to show their _____ at the door, as some of the people at the lectures weren't actually studying at the university.
4 During my _____ I spent six months in the United States, and during that time I read most of the books on my _____.
5 At the _____ I went to last night, there were two students who had just started their final year.

9 Rewrite the sentences using *wish* + *past perfect*.

1 My mother regrets the fact that she didn't have the confidence to go to university.

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2 It's a pity I neglected my studies this semester.

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3 It was stupid of me to stay up so late last night, as I'm very tired today.

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4 I handed in my essay to my tutor four days late, unfortunately.

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5 I regret the fact that I burst into laughter when the lecturer appeared.

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6 It's a pity my best friend wasn't able to come to the same university as me.

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7 I wasn't able to attend the first meeting of the Debating Society, unfortunately.

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10 Look at the two sentences.

- I can lie on the bed and touch three walls and I needn't move a muscle.
- "Splendid," he says, and doesn't wait for an answer.

You can rewrite them like this.

→ *I can lie on the bed and touch three walls without moving a muscle.*
→ *"Splendid," he says, without waiting for an answer.*

Now rewrite the sentences using *without* + *-ing*.

1 Her aunt allowed her to stay in the room and she didn't have to pay any rent.

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2 It was difficult to listen to the story and not burst into tears.

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3 I explained that I had run out of money and my parents listened and didn't say a word.

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4 If you leave and don't say goodbye, they'll be miserable.

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5 I want to try and work out the answer and not ask for help.

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6 A lot of students start out at university and they don't know what to expect.

7 Liz did quite well in her exams but her father left the room and didn't congratulate her.

11 Look at the example.

- I feel very ignorant. I shouldn't even breathe the same air as her.

→ *I feel so ignorant that I shouldn't even breathe the same air as her.*

Now rewrite the sentences with *so … that*.

1 She's brilliant. She hardly has to do any work for the exams.

2 I felt very inadequate. I left the room without saying goodbye to anyone.

3 He's very smart. He's sure to get a good degree.

4 I was very nervous in my first month at university. I found it hard to talk to people.

5 My tutor's explanation was very complicated. I couldn't understand a word he was saying.

6 Maria sounded very miserable. Her parents offered to come and visit her.

7 The boy I talked to was very unfriendly. I decided not to speak to him again.

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12 Complete the sentences using the correct participles of the verbs in brackets.

1 _____ that they had passed their exams, the students went out to celebrate. (relieve)
2 _____ by my best friend's hard work, I decided that I would make more effort myself. (impress)
3 _____ that she would be late for the lecture, Helen started to run. (realize)
4 _____ confidence in his abilities, Barry worked a lot more than most of his friends. (lack)
5 _____ by his computer's slowness, Paul started shouting at it. (frustrate)
6 _____ what I learnt at university, I feel very glad I went there. (remember)

Reading

1 Read the passage.

The best time of your life

"University — the best time of your life." All my parents' friends, and my many uncles and aunts, said the same thing to me, nodding their heads wisely, despite the fact that none of them had ever been near one. Nevertheless, I thought there had to be something in what they were saying, and as the day approached when I would start my higher education, I felt a growing excitement.

And then university actually began and for the first term I was terribly miserable. I'd chosen a university that was a long way from home, and in those first few months, how I regretted not having taken my parents' advice and gone to the very good university a short bus ride away. I was very homesick and everything about the university seemed alien to me, tutors, lecturers and the other students. I felt as if I was on another planet, and, although I could cope with the work, had great difficulty finding anyone I felt comfortable talking to.

But the next term things changed. I started chatting to two girls who had rooms on the same floor as me and we became friendly. They introduced me to a few more people I got on with, and suddenly there was a group of us who did everything together. We were all quite serious, and intended to be successful, and

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this, as well as the fact that I found the university work very interesting, meant that I began to develop intellectually. But this isn't to say we didn't have fun — we did, there were parties most weekends and by my second year, I knew a lot of interesting people. When I left, having got a very good degree, I had to confess that I'd had a wonderful time at university, and it was hard to believe life could get any better.

Now choose the best way to complete the sentences.

1 "University is the best time of your life," is a saying that the writer _____.
(a) disagrees with
(b) thinks is often true
(c) thinks is sometimes true
(d) says is true for her

2 The writer tells us that her parents' friends, uncles and aunts _____.
(a) had all been to university
(b) had enjoyed university
(c) had never been to university
(d) had wanted to go to university

3 During the first term, the writer _____.
(a) found the work difficult
(b) felt very different from other students
(c) went home a lot
(d) felt ill a lot of the time

4 During the next term the writer met a group of people who _____.
(a) felt the most important thing was to have fun
(b) were like her and wanted to do well in life
(c) introduced her to a lot of interesting people
(d) had rooms on the same floor as her

5 The writer feels that during her time at university she _____.
(a) should have had more fun
(b) should have worked harder
(c) worked too hard
(d) worked hard and also had fun

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2 **Match the words and expressions in the box with their definitions.**

alien	approach	cope (with)	get on with
homesick	intellectual	nevertheless	planet

1 a very large object that moves around the sun or another star
2 despite what has just been said
3 relating to the ability to think in an intelligent way and to understand difficult ideas
4 to come nearer or to happen soon
5 to like and be friendly with someone
6 from a different country or culture
7 to deal successfully with a difficult situation
8 feeling sad and alone because you are far from home

3 **Read the passage.**

The Fresher's Fair

The hall is so packed with people you can hardly move, and everywhere you look students are putting pen to paper, and joining a club. It's the Fresher's Fair, one of the highlights of Fresher's Week, when students have the chance to sign up for the many clubs and societies their university has to offer. They may not realize it but it's an important moment, one that could change the course of their lives.

People generally fall into two types, those who've known what they want to do from an early age and those who, at the age of eighteen, have no idea, or only know that they'd like to do "something in publishing". But the fact is, to be successful, it helps to get started in your chosen profession at a young age. And university is where the race really begins. To show a newspaper editor you're serious about being a journalist, the sooner you start writing articles for the student magazine the better. Want to be an actor or actress? Then join the Drama Club and demonstrate your acting abilities on stage. Perhaps you take a great interest in politics and want to be a politician. In that case, the place for you is the Debating Society, where you can practise speaking in public and learn the skill of persuasion. Or if you want to work in television or radio, then hosting a show for the university radio station is a good way to begin your career.

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Hold on, you may say, I'm the second type, the type who have no idea what they want to do at all. No problem! Try out different clubs, two each semester, for example, and you'll develop interests that, even if they don't lead to a career, will be very satisfying. Whatever your interests and whoever you are, there's sure to be a society for you. Go for it!

Now check (✓) the true statements according to the passage.

1 There are a lot of people at the Fresher's Fair.
2 A lot of people are joining clubs at the Fair.
3 If you join a club, your life could become very different.
4 To have a successful career, you must study hard.
5 What you do in a society can demonstrate your abilities to employers.
6 In the Debating Society you will learn the skill of conversation.
7 If you don't know what career you want to follow, join clubs and you will find out what you want to do.
8 There are some people who will never find a society that interests them.

4 Answer the questions about the words and expressions.

1 If a place is *packed with* people, are there (a) a lot of people, or (b) a few people?
2 If something is the *highlight* of an event, is it (a) quite interesting, or (b) the most interesting part?
3 If something *changes the course* of your life, does your life (a) continue in the same direction, or (b) go in a different direction?
4 Is a profession (a) a job that needs special skills, or (b) university work?
5 If you *demonstrate* something, do you (a) show that something is true, or (b) practise something?
6 Is *persuasion* (a) the skill of making someone believe something, or (b) the skill of talking well?
7 If you *host* a show, do you (a) organize it, or (b) present it?
8 Is the phrase *go for it* used to (a) order people to do something, or (b) encourage people to do something?

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Integrated skills training

1 In the passage, there are altogether 10 mistakes, one in each numbered line. Mark out the mistakes and put the corrections in the blanks provided. If you change a word, cross it out and write the correct word in the corresponding blank. If you add a word, put an insertion mark (/\) in the right place and write the missing word in the blank. If you delete a word, cross it out and put a slash (/) in the blank.

At the university you meet many different types of students.	1 _____
There are lazy students, smart students, and students who are so	
intelligence that they hardly have to work at all.	2 _____
An interested game to play is to put people into types. For	3 _____
example, the ambitious student is very easy to identify. Not only	
they work extremely hard but they also make sure that they know	4 _____
the right people and attend the right events. You'll see them	
chatting to lecturers after a lecture finished. They usually look	5 _____
serious and carry big bags of books.	
The party girl is easily recognised by her fashionable clothes	
and fact that at every party you go to she's surrounded by friends.	6 _____
Then there's the "techy", a student who knows everything	
about the computers and technology. They can be found at most	7 _____
times of the day playing with a computer.	
The "organizer" is another type that's very recognizable. They	
love to organize things, whether it's parties or club meetings. And	
of course, there's always the "last minute" student. If they may be	8 _____
very good students, but they always hand assignments at the last	9 _____
moment, and they arrive at a lecture one minute before it's about	
to begin. Although I'd rather not to be a "last minute" type, that's	10 _____
what I am, I'm afraid!	

2 Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

1 But don't let your ambition frustrate you.
But don't allow _____.

2 I wish I'd known that it's fairly d
If only _____.

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3 I'm less ambitious than I was when I was
I'm not _____.

4 I realize I haven't eaten for two days.
I realize it's two days _____.

5 I've run out of clean clothes.
I don't _____.

6 It was my first time away from home.
I'd never _____.

7 I also had a lot of trouble managing my allowance.
It was difficult _____.

8 It's no longer my parents' or teach
It isn't _____.

3 Complete the paragraph with the correct words. Use only one word for each blank.

Attending a lecture is very different (1) _____ being in class. First of all, you have to get there on time, and at university there's (2) _____ parent coming into your room every five minutes telling you it's time to get up. Once you're at the lecture and (3) _____ your seat, you have a decision to make about (4) _____ learning method is best for you. Perhaps you're the kind of person who likes to make lots of notes, as you find that's the best (5) _____ of remembering things. On the other (6) _____, you may prefer just to listen during the lecture and make (7) _____ of the key points only. These days, of course, many students use the latest technology to take photos of (8) _____ the lecturer puts up on the PowerPoint screen. The fact is, it doesn't (9) _____ which method you use. What's important is to find one that works for you.

4 Translate the sentences into Chinese.

1 She impresses me, a

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2 I'm not sure wha
basket and before finding them clean, ironed and folded in my cupboard.

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3 "University — th
uncles and aunts, said the same thing to me, nodding their heads wisely, despite the fact that none of them had ever been near one.

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time at uni, and it was hard to believe life could get any better.

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5 People generally f
an early age and those who, at the age of eighteen, have no idea, or only know that they'd like to do "something in publishing".

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5 Complete the sentences by translating into English the Chinese given in brackets.

1 The basketball club was so attractive to _____ (他等了一小时才报上名).

2 Looking back on my college life, _____ (我真希望我没有把所有的时间都用在学习上). So that I could have taken up more hobbies.

3 Two months later, he realised that _____ (自己压根儿就不该参加这个阅读小组).

4 _____ (她一定是出于某种原因而熬了通宵), otherwise she would have not sacrificed her sleeping time for nothing.

5 _____ (直到文学课的时候我才见到了我的导师), a typical university professor.

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