COMMON PROBLEMS FACED BY NEW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

In 30 seconds, answer the following question:

• Why do some people find university scary?
Lesson Objectives

Topic: Common Problems Faced By New University Students

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

• Use at least six words related to the topic

• Create simple sentences about the topic

• Have a conversation about the topic

• Avoid some common grammar and pronunciation mistakes
Let’s start!

Watch the video and answer the following questions in 60 seconds.

What do you think after watching this video?
Do you think that student life is the best time of your life?

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMK33cGjBIg
## Vocabulary

**Pair Work:** Student A reads a definition from column A. Student B matches it with a word from column B, and makes a sentence.

### A

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<td>a. sad because you are away from home and you miss your family and friends</td>
<td>1. Roommate (n)</td>
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<td>b. a person that you share a room with, especially at a college or university</td>
<td>/ˈruːmmeɪt/</td>
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<td>c. unhappy because you have no friends or people to talk to</td>
<td>2. Assignment (n)</td>
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<td>d. the buildings of a university or college and the land around them</td>
<td>3. Homesick (adj)</td>
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<td>e. one of the two periods that the school or college year is divided into</td>
<td>4. Campus (n)</td>
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<td>f. a task or piece of work that somebody is given to do, usually as part of their job or studies</td>
<td>5. Lonely (adj)</td>
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<td>6. Semester (n)</td>
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### Example:

She felt **homesick** for her country.
Grammar
Make a sentence using the given structure.

Structure:
S + get used to + N/ V-ing.

Example: She is getting used to campus life.
         He is getting used to doing a lot of assignments.

Suggestions
✓ University life
✓ Loneliness
✓ Homesickness
✓ Make new friends
✓ Spend money wisely
✓ Cook meals by herself
✓ ...

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Conversation

Pair work: Choose a role and act it out with your partner in 180 seconds.

**Student 1:** You are going to university. You are preparing for your first semester and are really worried about it. Ask your older sister for advice.

**Student 2:** You have just graduated from university. Share some common problems faced by university students with your younger sister and give her some advice to deal with them.

**Suggestions**
- Feel homesick and lonely
- Have difficulty in making new friends
- Have a lot of assignments to do
- Have conflicts with your roommates
- Have new relationships
- Learn to manage time and money
- Make daily plans
- ...
## Common mistakes

### Mistake Correction

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### Pronunciation

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<td>• He is my colleague.</td>
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<td>• She's at college.</td>
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### Others

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Assessments

Here are some comments on your performance

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Feel free to ask if you have any questions!
Wrap-up

✓ Words related to university freshmen
✓ **Structure with “get used to”**
✓ Conversations about common problems faced by university freshmen

Please do your homework in the downloadable outline from the website!
Homework

Complete your mission and find more in related lessons.

Your mission

- Take note of what you need to improve (Vocabulary, Grammar and Pronunciation)
- Search for related lessons in the course browser
- Take those lessons

Recommendation

- Dates and time vocabulary (#0053)
- "-ing" vs. "to" (#0737)